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India's population to reach 1b in 2001

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AP) — India, already the world's second most populous country, will have about one billion people by the year 2001 and is likely to double its current population in 40 years, a new study has said.

"Unfortunately, there are no feasible shortcuts in the immense task of slowing the growth rate of India's already very large population, whose doubling over the next four decades seems to us to be almost inescapable," concluded Pravin Visaria and Leela Visaria.

Their study, "India's Population: Second and Growing," was published by the Population Reference Bureau, a Washington-based organization studying world population trends. The Visarias teach at the Sardar Patel Institute of Economics and Social Research in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India.

After a four-year decline, India's family planning program is starting to make a comeback, the study reports, spurred by a 1981 census that showed a population of 684 million, 12 million more than had been projected. And the Visarias estimate their country's rate of natural population increase at

close to 2.23 percent, which was the average for the 1970s.

Family planning in India peaked in 1976-77 but that was followed by a backlash against the coercive tactics used at the time and interest is only now showing increased strength, the report said.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has called for a revitalization of the program in the light of the new census figures. However, the Visarias doubt that a compulsory program would be effective. Financial incentive programs might be an alternative, they suggest, perhaps with a part of the payment paid on a delayed basis. "This could reduce the temptation to adopt family planning to meet short-term (financial) needs," they wrote.

Government projections have called for the birth rate to drop to 2.3 children per woman — the replacement level — by 1996.

But this seems unlikely, the Visarias conclude, considering the high reproduction rate indicated by the new census results. Thus they wrote, "it is virtually inevitable that India's population will approach or exceed one billion by 2001."

Bulletproof cars urged in Italy

MILAN, Nov. 8 (R) — Like thousands of politicians, magistrates, industrialists and probably a few wealthy gangsters, Pope John Paul now travels in the disguised security of a bulletproof car.

The near-fatal attempt on his life a few months ago obliged the Pope to join the queue for an expensive product designed to foil urban guerrillas, kidnappers and armed cranks. A booming Milan-based industry is discreetly attending to the needs of rich and powerful Italians who fear abductions or worse every time they step out of the front door.

The industry is failing to meet demand, despite assembly-line production which has bulletproofed as many as 10,000 cars for the Italian market in the past four years. Customers paying up to 100 million lire (about \$85,000) expect complete confidentiality. The Vatican has no comment about the features of the papal car and the small family firm which did the work was sworn to secrecy.

However, industry sources say that his 1965 black Mercedes convertible 3000 is now equipped with about 400 kilos of bulletproof steel and glass, a siren, an emergency telephone, tires that ignore punctures and automatic fire extinguishers.

There are standard features fitted to popular models produced under the supervision of Italy's two major auto groups, Fiat-Lancia and Alfa-Romeo.

Well over 1,000 of their bigger saloons will be bulletproofed in 1981, according to reliable estimates, and the beleaguered Italian state will have about 80 percent to distribute among its most senior servants. At least 45 criminal abductions and 33 political murders in Italy last year mean there is no shortage of customers.

A few cars will go abroad, mostly to South America, and Italians with enough assets to attract highly-organized kidnapping gangs will snap up the rest. But thousands more firm which did the work was sworn to secrecy.

Bonn policy draws union fire

BONN, Nov. 8 (R) — Chancellor Helmut Schmidt is facing stiff opposition over unemployment and public spending cuts from West Germany's powerful trade unions as his left-liberal government tries to push through an austerity budget for 1982.

Schmidt will meet senior union leaders and employers in Bonn on Wednesday to discuss the bleak situation on the labor market, and he seems certain to be given a rough ride. Unemployment jumped to 1.35 million

last month — 5.9 percent of the work force — and Economics Minister Otto Lambsdorff has warned it may reach two million next year.

But instead of launching a job-creating public spending program to stimulate the economy, as the unions demanded, the government has been pruning its 1982 budget in a bid to reduce Bonn's giant net borrowing requirement.

Heinz Kluncker, head of the biggest public employees union, served notice last week that his union would fight government plans for a public service pay freeze with strike action if necessary.

Eugen Loderer, head of the metalworkers union IG Metall said in weekend interviews that Bonn's austerity program was socially unjust and would take about \$4.5 billion from working people next year.

Bonn proposes higher unemployment insurance contributions, lower family allowances and the end of several state subsidies. An IG Metall study published last week said that in 1982-85 the moves will cost workers \$20 billion and give employers back almost \$1.35 billion.

A 70,000-strong trade union march against unemployment and "dismantling" the welfare state in Stuttgart Saturday was the biggest such demonstration in West Germany for years.

Schmidt's past close ties with union bosses, seen as a key factor in the prolonged social



SPEECH: President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt during his speech to the People's Assembly Sunday. Mubarak assured the Egyptian parliament that the country is secure and stable.

Mubarak spells out policies Egypt bound to Israeli links

CAIRO, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Egypt is totally committed to achieving the "historic reconciliation between Israel and the Arab nation," President Hosni Mubarak said Sunday in a speech covering major domestic and foreign policy issues on the opening of the autumn parliamentary session.

In a joint address to the people's assembly and the consultative upper house, the Shura, President Mubarak said that Egypt's policy is not as a tactical position but as a "stable strategic commitment," and that it firmly believed the Camp David process was the "most appropriate" to achieve this end.

He said he had full confidence that Israel would hand over Sinai as planned on April 25, adding that Egypt had "guarantees that both parties will fulfil their commitments".

Turning to the Palestinian issue — on which stalled three-way talks with Israel and the United States resume later this month — Mubarak said that Egypt had "never presumed to speak for the Palestinians or impose any form of tutelage on them."

He added that, in the final analysis, the "Palestinian people alone will choose the formula which will free them from Israeli domination."

Moving to wider international policy, the president said that Egypt was "neither Arab nor African, belonging to neither East or West," and that relations with the two superpowers would depend on "the good intentions of these countries."

The president led on domestic issues with warm praise for the armed forces, made significant by the assassination of his predecessor Anwar Sadat by army fanatics only a month earlier.

Mubarak said the role of the armed forces

U.S. missile test fails

POINT MUGU, California Nov. 8 (AP) — A U.S. Navy Tomahawk missile aimed for a Nevada test site splashed down in the Pacific Ocean Saturday after an apparent engine failure, a navy spokesman said.

The missile, armed with a non-nuclear warhead, was launched about noon from a submerged submarine off the California coast about 64 kms north of Long Beach.

Britons would close U.S. N-bases

LONDON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Fifty-three percent of Britons would like to close the U.S. nuclear weapons bases in this country, a poll indicated Sunday. Fifty-seven percent also feared that U.S. President Ronald Reagan's foreign policy made nuclear war "more likely," according to the poll, published by the Sunday newspaper *The Observer*. Only eight percent thought Reagan's policy made nuclear hostilities less like.

But 67 percent favored maintaining Britain's own nuclear deterrent force, although 200,000 Britons demonstrated for unilateral nuclear disarmament in London late last month.

The Observer commented: "The poll suggests strong support for a strictly nationalist defense policy, perhaps similar to that of the French, with nuclear weapons entirely under the control of the national government."

Under the 1962 Nassau agreement, Britain got nuclear submarine missiles from the United States. President John Kennedy and Prime Minister Harold MacMillan agreed "not to use nuclear weapons anywhere in the world without prior consultation with each other if circumstances permit," the premier said.

The U.S. nuclear weapons at air bases and a submarine base in Britain are under American control.

The poll was conducted by the National Opinion Polls (NOP) after President

was just as important in peace as in war, since Egypt had taken on "responsibilities that exceed its geographical frontiers".

Turning to the economy, President Mubarak who was personally groomed for leadership by President Sadat, said Egypt would never go back on its policy of economic liberalism.

He added, however, that economic emphasis would be shifted to production, and the "satisfaction of the most pressing needs of the majority." Launching a scathing attack on privileges won by a minority, the president said it was "not normal that Egypt imported products that it could manufacture in relatively advantageous conditions", with its large labor supply and competitive costs.

He said action would be taken in the fields of accessibly priced housing, clothes and basic foodstuffs.

The president listed six points to be given urgent priority in the assembly:

— How best to rationally reorganize the consumer market, a radical solution to the housing crisis, how to make sure subsidized products reach the needy as rapidly as possible and avoid abuse, how to cut waste in the public and private sectors without resorting to repressive moves, reorganizing imports, and how to strengthen the public sector and make it a true driving force in the economy.

He then turned to religious extremism, calling on the opposition to join the government in the fight against those who wanted to "impose the power of shadow and obscurantism" on Egypt. Describing fanaticism as "bloody and barbarous terrorism," the president said it had nothing to do with genuine religion. On all religious issues, he appealed to "the minority to respect the opinion of the majority, and the majority to respect the opinion of the minority."

Calling on intellectuals and the highly qualified to work for Egypt — describing it as "unacceptable" that foreign specialists worked in Egypt while Egyptian talent went abroad — the president ended his speech with an appeal for Egyptians to pull together as "citizens not subjects" to solve the nation's problems by "discussion and coordination, not by conflict and struggle."

Barking proves worse than bite

BAYONNE, Southern France, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Dominique Critelli, 48, angered at the constant barking of his neighbor's dog Sunday shot the owner dead and seriously wounded his wife.

The dog was unharmed. Critelli is under arrest.

Genscher says 'Fahd plan realistic starting-point'

BONN, Nov. 8 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher said Sunday his country believed the Saudi Arabian peace plan was a realistic starting-point for a Middle East peace settlement.

In an interview with Egyptian television, Genscher said: "We believe that Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan is a very realistic starting-point, which agrees in many areas with the position of the European Economic Community (EEC), and this is where we see components which are worth supporting."

Prince Fahd's plan, outlined last August, calls for the creation of a Palestinian state in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza and the right of all countries to live in peace.

The foreign minister said Bonn supported participation by other EEC countries in a planned international peace-keeping force for Sinai when Israel hands the last part of the peninsula back, to Egypt next year.

Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands are considering taking part in the force.



Hans-Dietrich Genscher. Officials said West Germany was prevented by its constitution from deploying troops outside the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) area but was looking at other ways of supporting the Sinai force.

GCC ministers open talks

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal opened the ministerial conference of the Gulf Cooperation Council at the conference hall here Sunday. In his welcoming speech, Prince Saud wished the participating foreign ministers of GCC member states complete success in their deliberations, so they can serve the interests of the Gulf peoples in particular and of the Arab and Islamic nation in general.

The foreign ministers in their two-day meetings are to prepare the agenda for the heads of government meeting, the second since the GCC was formed in May. The summit is scheduled for Tuesday.

Heads of government of the six states — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman and Qatar — are expected tomorrow to adopt Saudi Arabia's Middle East peace plan and also to discuss economic cooperation.

The foreign ministers are to discuss some working papers including a draft of economic

agreement among the gulf states, which will ensure full rights and privileges to the citizens of the Gulf nation in all economic activities, including residence and work, trade and transference and abolition of tariff duties.

The agreement also provided for coordination of national development plans, oil policy in all its stages, industrialization and setting up of industrial ventures in a way that would remove duplication on harmful competition.

One of the working papers also deals with the recommendations and suggestions of the industrial cooperation committee among the Gulf states for encouraging and protecting national products in the face of foreign ones.

Other issues that are considered during the meeting are setting up of a committee of senior officials from organizations and institutions that depend on national natural resources for realization of the goals of the industrial cooperation committee.

Saleh concludes Riyadh visit

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen left the Kingdom for home Sunday after a two-day visit. He was seen off at the airport by Crown Prince Fahd, members of the Royal Family, ministers and top civil and military officials.

In a statement before his departure, President Saleh told SPA that the aim of his visit to the Kingdom and meeting with King Khaled and Prince Fahd was to hold consultations on

issues of common interest at bilateral, Arab, Islamic and international levels.

He said the talks dealt with the existing cooperation, which he described as "ideal and pioneering" in regard to Arab and Islamic relations.

The Yemeni leader reaffirmed that his visit and the talks, which were held in an atmosphere of cordiality and understanding, will help to spur cooperation and coordination

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Communique stresses solidarity *SIDF*, power company sign loan pact

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia and North Yemen Sunday reiterated the need for Arab solidarity in the face of challenges by hostile forces to the Arab and Islamic nation.

A joint communique, issued at the conclusion of a two-day visit to the Kingdom by President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen, renewed the two countries' total commitment to the resolutions of the summit conferences of Baghdad, Tunis and Amman. It reiterated their condemnation of Israel's continued occupation of Arab territories, its unceasing assaults on the Palestinian and Lebanese peoples and its air raid on the nuclear reactor in Iraq.

The communique denounced all attempts by Israel to build more settlements on the occupied Arab lands and to alter the status of Jerusalem. It also condemned Israel's repressive and discriminatory actions against the Arabs living on occupied lands.

OIC economists to forge closer ties

By Raana Siddiqi

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — A high-level inter-governmental meeting of experts from member states of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) begins here Monday to discuss ways and means of fostering closer economic cooperation.

The three-day meeting, to be opened by Habib Chatti, OIC secretary general, will discuss proposals to implement a plan of action adopted at the Third Islamic Summit held in Makkah last January.

The plan contains numerous recommendations to promote closer economic links among OIC members in the sphere of agriculture, industry, trade, finance, transport and communications, manpower, health, population, energy, technical assistance, science and technology.

The Yemeni side expressed its conviction that Crown Prince Fahd's peace plan was a "positive step on the road to an equitable solution to the Palestine issue." Both Kingdom and Yemen renewed their support for the just struggle of the people of Palestine, under the leadership of the Palestine Liberation Organization, in defense of their dignity, freedom and legitimate rights and the establishment of an independent state on Palestinian soil.

The two sides expressed their deep regret about Lebanon's continuing ordeal. They appealed to the Lebanese leaders to put an end to conflict with an urgent solution that restores the country its security and stability and preserves its unity, sovereignty and independence.

On the situation in Afghanistan, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to the resolution of the Islamic Summit Conference, which was held in Makkah and Taif.

The two sides expressed their satisfaction with the positive results of this visit which reinforced brotherly ties and enlarged the horizon of cooperation between the two countries. They expressed delight over the level of existing fraternal relations, which were based on good-neighbourliness, mutual and total respect for the national sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs. They declared their resolve to develop cooperation in political, economic, cultural and technical fields, in the joint interest of the peoples of the two countries.

The two sides emphasized the need to preserve the Red Sea region as a zone of peace, far from foreign interventions and rivalry, so that the Gulf states maintain their right to exploit their natural resources for the progress and prosperity of their peoples.

The two leaders renewed their appeal to suspend the Iraq-Iran war and to return to negotiations on the legitimate rights. They urged the leaders of the Islamic Republic of Iran to respond to the peace efforts being exerted by the Islamic states, the states of the non-aligned movement and the United Nations. They also denounced the Iranian assault on Kuwait and its continuous provocation of its neighbors.

The two sides expressed their conviction that the setback in the policy of détente has generally reflected on the international relations. Therefore, they urged an adherence to the policy of non-alignment being pursued by the non-aligned nations, with a view to easing international tension and safeguarding the national sovereignty and independence of the member states.

President Saleb expressed his deep gratitude for the warm welcome accorded him and the accompanying delegation, and extended an invitation to King Khalid to pay a visit to the Yemen Arab Republic. The King accepted the invitation, and a date for the visit will be fixed in due course of time.

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — The Western Region Consolidated Electricity Company has signed an agreement with the Saudi Industrial Development Fund under which it assumed responsibility of loan commitments granted by the fund to the private and public companies it combined.

The agreement, signed Saturday by the consolidated company's chairman and delegated member Dr. Mahmoud Abdullah Taibab, makes the company formally responsible for the loan commitments which amounted by the end of the year 1401 H (Oct. 27) SR10,294 billion.

Under royal instructions, the Western Region Consolidated Electricity Company became effective Oct. 28 grouping all private power firms and public electricity projects in Makkah and Madinah governorates. Of the

total figure of loan commitments, SR8.663 billion has actually been disbursed by the SIDF.

The loans were granted by the SIDF to finance vital projects needed for the electricity services expansion program to meet the sharp increase in power demand, which was unique if in comparison to other countries.

Royal approval has been granted for the government's plan of consolidating private electric companies and public power projects into five regional corporations, serving the Central Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern regions.

The first of the consolidated companies to emerge was the Eastern Province Consolidated Electricity Company (SCECO), which combined 26 private power companies with

the Arabian-American Oil Company's (Aramco) power facilities. It was established with a capital of SR5 billion.

The Central Region Consolidated Electricity Company amalgamates 36 power companies with the state's power projects in Kharij and Qasim. The company, which took effect in November, 1980, also was funded with SR5 billion. The Southern Region Consolidated Electricity Company also was formed last year with a capital of SR5 billion.

The SIDF, which has been responsible for financing investments in power facilities since 1975, has made a loan commitment of SR20.5 billion during the Second Five-Year Development Plan (1975-80). The fund manages a special allocation from the government for this purpose.

BRIEFS

RIYADH (SPA) — Prof. Fuad Sizkin, winner of King Faisal International Prize for Islamic studies and the Goethe Award, will deliver a lecture at the Sharia College here Tuesday. The topic of discussion will be the impact of Arab and Islamic culture and civilization on the European renaissance.

RIYADH (SPA) — Minister of Post, Telegraph and Telephones Dr. Alawi Darwish Kayyal has approved the opening of a number of post offices in various areas at a cost of over SR16 million. The new offices will be located in Hail, Unaizah, Najran, Zahran Al-Janoub, Tabuk, Abar Ali, Ola and Taima.

DHAHRAN (SPA) — Dr. Bakr Abdullah Bakr, vice-chancellor of the University of Petroleum and Minerals, left here for Tunis Sunday to take part in a meeting for international cooperation in the development of Arab and Islamic culture, beginning there Tuesday.

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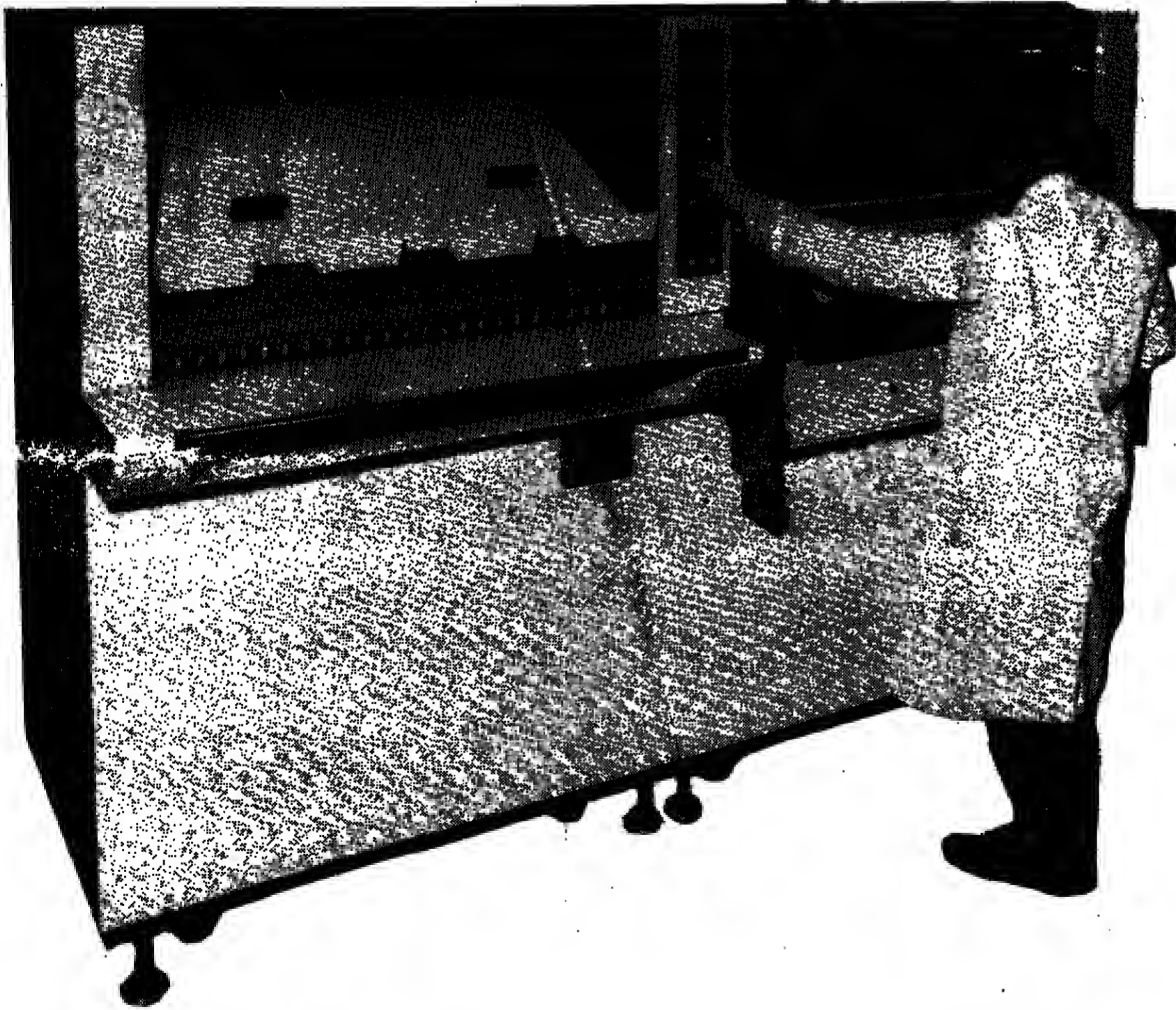
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Salman opens Washem water project

RIYADH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — Officiating for King Khaled, Riyadh Governor Prince Salman dedicated Sunday the Washem water project which will meet the requirements of the area's villages. The project comprises five wells, each 630 meters deep with a major pipeline of 200 kms. and a distribution network with a total length of 125 kms. for the villages and towns.

Agriculture and Water Minister Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh, who welcomed Prince Salman upon arrival, said that the Washem project was the first integrated project covering a complete region, with its towns and villages to be executed by the Agriculture and Water Ministry.

Dr. Abdul Rahman stressed that the ministry does not restrict its development prog-

rams to cities only, but gives equal priority to rural areas and smaller towns.

He emphasized that agricultural development is the base for a comprehensive progress for which every society aspires. The minister expressed optimism on the future of agricultural development in the Kingdom and said "our country is fertile, our hopes are great and our minds are set."

Prince Salman expressed gratitude to God and credited the wise leadership of Khaled and Crown Prince Fahd for the prosperity prevailing in the Kingdom. He commended the agriculture and water ministry's works and said that there also is another water project planned for the Dawadmi area. Besides, work will begin shortly on a third project in the Ard area, the prince said.

He told the gathering of officials from the region, "you can notice some governments trying to divert the attention off their people with foreign problems. They try to occupy and amuse their people with problems they create. That is just the contrary to the situation of this country that strives to unite Muslim." The Kingdom will withstand any harm it suffers as a consequence of shouldering its religious and Arab responsibilities, Prince Salman said.

He revealed that, under royal instructions, a committee of deputy ministers of all departments has been meeting in Riyadh to discuss development projects in the area. Prince Salman, who is also a member of the committee, said that the meetings had not been publicized. However, sub-committees are currently continuing meetings, he added.

The committee's final meeting will be held next week, the prince said. As of next year, all development projects will be intensive and well programmed, the prince said.

Before unveiling the commemorative plaque, Prince Salman was briefed on the project by Abdullah Al-Musaed, deputy minister for water affairs. A luncheon was given in the governor's honor by the ministry.

Taif pumping test conducted

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — The Western Region's Water and Sewage Department Sunday experimented with the pumping of water to the mountain top city of Taif, officials reported.

The department's Deputy Director General, Abdul Karim Jamal, said that more than 1,000 homes in Taif have benefited from the experiment. This system will be applied in all parts of the Kingdom in the future, Jamal added. Taif, the Kingdom's chief resort city, is more than 2,000 meters above sea level.

Meanwhile, the department's Makkah branch is currently engaged in intensive construction work. Among projects under

construction is the Aziziya sewage project which comprises two parts, according to Makkah Water and Sewage Department Director Fuad Alim Saturday.

The first part covers the Rawdah, Shishah and Aziziya districts, in addition to developing a major sewage canal expected to be completed before the next pilgrimage season. The second part applies to part of Hajj Street and the Adl area.

Alim said that several expansion projects are underway including the Qashshiya plant, the third phase of Makkah water tanks, the Jabal Omar and Jabal Sayidah water tanks.

Meteorology plan to be discussed

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 (SPA) — Directors of meteorological and environmental protection departments will hold a meeting here Tuesday to discuss application of a new operation plan. Meteorology and Environment Protection Director General Sheikh Rumaih

Mansour Al-Rumaih will brief the directors on the objectives and benefits of the plan.

Meanwhile, the Meteorology and Environment Directorate has commissioned the building of two observatories in Dawadmi and Moya

Prayer Times

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Dhuhr (Noon)	12:05	12:05	11:37	11:23	11:48	12:18
Asr (Afternoon)	3:17	3:15	2:46	2:31	2:55	3:22
Maghrib (Sunset)	5:42	5:38	5:09	4:54	5:18	5:45
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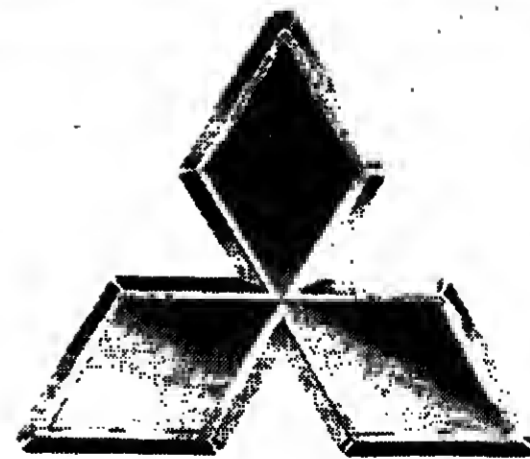
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Arab panel to prevent arms flow to Lebanon

BEIRUT, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — An important step has been agreed on toward preventing the smuggling of weapons to the various factions in Lebanon. Arab League Secretary-General Chedli Klibi announced here Saturday night.

The agreement was reached during a five-hour meeting of the Arab Follow Up Committee on Lebanon, made up of the foreign ministers of Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait and Klibi. The Arab Committee seeking ways to end the Lebanese crisis met here for the first time in a month to discuss how to set up a committee to guard the entire coast and prevent arms smuggling.

In a press statement, Klibi said the ministers also agreed on a series of security steps, including reopening of crossing points between east and west Beirut.

Saturday's meeting, which was chaired by Lebanese President Elias Sarkis, was attended by Lebanese Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan, Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah, Syrian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, Lebanese Foreign Minister Fuad Butros, Klibi, Saudi Arabia's Ambassador to Lebanon Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer, Kuwait's Ambassador Abdul Hamid Al-Buayjan, and Col. Muhammad Chanem, Syria's ambassador to the committee.

After the meeting, Premier Wazzan expressed satisfaction with the positive atmosphere which prevailed throughout the meeting. He said that the committee had approved several points for the implementation of previous decisions.

Arabs demonstrate in W. Bank, Gaza

TEL AVIV, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — Israeli soldiers broke up scattered demonstrations by Palestinian youths in the West Bank and Gaza Sunday, eyewitnesses said.

West Bank students have been demonstrating for most of the week against the Israeli occupation and Sunday they burned tires and threw stones at passing vehicles in Nablus, Ramallah and Tulkerem until the Israeli

troops appeared, the eyewitnesses said. A similar demonstration was held outside a high school in Gaza where Israeli soldiers dispersed students.

Meanwhile, Israeli military authorities have accused the May of Ramallah Karim Khalaf of organizing a student demonstration planned for Saturday but broken up by Israeli troops.

PLO-Soviet ties strategic -- Arafat

BEIRUT, Nov. 8 (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization Chairman Yasser Arafat said the PLO's relations with the Soviet Union were of a "strategic nature" and counterbalanced the Israeli-U.S. alliance, the Palestinian news agency Wafa reported Sunday.

"This Palestinian-Soviet relation is of a strategic nature among comrades in the same trench," Arafat was quoted by Wafa as saying.

during celebrations Saturday by the Soviet-Palestinian friendship group in Lebanon to mark the Russian revolution.

Arafat said that during a recent visit to Moscow, where he talked with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, he had been assured that the PLO "does not stand alone in the face of imperialism and its allies the Zionists in the face of this strategic American-Zionist Israeli alliance." Arafat was quoted as saying.

4 Egyptian officers face trial over negligence

CAIRO, Nov. 8 (R) — Four officers in a military unit to which President Anwar Sadat's assassin belonged are facing a court martial on charges of negligence, security sources said Sunday. They said Defense Minister Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala set up a military tribunal which began hearings

Saturday. All four men were lieutenant-colonels, they added.

The four were held responsible for allowing three men to infiltrate their unit with their weapons and to join the parade in which Sadat was killed last month.

Hassan sees escalation in Sahara war

RABAT, Nov. 8 (R) — King Hassan of Morocco has predicted that the conflict over the Western Sahara will increase in intensity and degenerate into terrorist agitation. Referring to the assault launched by the Polisario Front last month on the Moroccan Garrisoo at Guelta Zemmour, the king said he expected the Algerian-backed fighters to renew their attack and "try to stir up Vietnam-style terrorist agitation."

In a speech Friday night to the Saharan Consultative Council, Hassan said however that Morocco was "at the end of the tunnel" and reaffirmed that he would go ahead with the self-determination referendum proposed by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) to solve the dispute.

The council was elected last summer to assist the king in suggesting reforms and special legislation for Western Sahara. He told its members Morocco would not renege on commitments to the African community — a reference to OAU decisions to negotiate a ceasefire and organize a referendum.

Spain ceded the Western Sahara to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975. In 1979 Mauritania signed a separate peace with the Polisario Front which is fighting for independence of the Moroccan-administered territory.

According to the official text released by the Moroccan News Agency Map, King Hassan said: "The enemy is agonizing. He knows he is vanquished... The result of the referendum will confound him". He reiterated his belief that Western Sahara would vote in the referendum to remain part of Morocco.

BRIEFS

KUWAIT, (AP) — A Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry official Sunday said Kuwait objected to participation by Britain, France, Italy and the Netherlands in the multinational Sinai peacekeeping force and said this would have an "adverse" effect on Arab-European relations.

TEL AVIV, (R) — The Israeli government Sunday called on employees of the state airline El Al to end a four-day old strike as workers' representatives indicated they were ready to start talks with the management.

TUNIS, (R) — Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba Sunday confirmed Prime Minister Muhammad M'zali and all his ministers in office following last Sunday's first multiparty elections in more than 20 years.

KARACHI, (AP) — Pakistan and France have opened negotiations on a grant assistance deal concerning solar energy. Under the arrangement, equipment to be supplied by France will provide a village in poverty-stricken Baluchistan province with electric power produced by solar energy, official sources said Saturday.



King Hassan

Khomeini may step down in 2 months, paper says

LONDON, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, may step down within the next two months, *The Sunday Times* reported. Quoting unidentified reports reaching Tehran, the paper said Khomeini "is considering retiring from active politics" before the end of this year.

Khomeini, who will be 83 on Thursday, has already informed the country's political leaders of his decision, the paper said. Sources close to the leader, the paper added, believe he plans to hand over to another Ayatollah, Hossein-Ali-Montazeri, before the third anniversary of the Iranian revolution next February.

The *Sunday Times* speculated that Khomeini's decision may have been prompted by his apparent deteriorating health "and a growing fear that his assassination would plunge the republic (Iran) into greater chaos" than at present.

The paper said that although Khomeini is in generally good health, he is said to suffer from increasing tiredness which has kept him politically inactive in recent weeks.

Meanwhile in Tehran, internal security was back at the top of priorities Sunday, after violent clashes at Bukan in western Azerbaijan on Friday reportedly left over 100 dead. Casualties included 74 members of the Iranian security forces, either killed or wounded, according to official reports.

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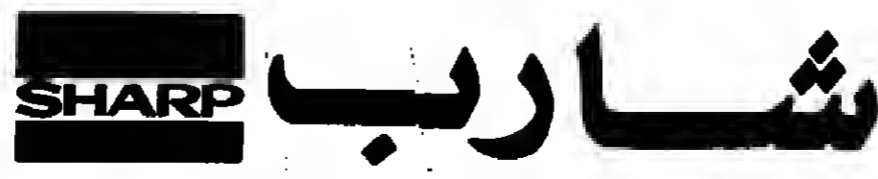
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LET THE DEAD LIE

There's an old American saying, "Let the dead lie." Like the close relative who refuses to acknowledge the passing-on of a loved one, U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig recently met with the British ambassador to the United States and said he thought British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington might be "more circumspect" in his criticism of the Camp David accords. Of course, such a statement from Haig is in itself, "like the pot calling the kettle black."

Using Haig's plea to be "circumspect" — even if the Reagan administration is NOW reviewing Crown Prince Fahd's Middle East plan — there isn't anything else the secretary of state could "officially" say, so why say anything? Well, Haig has never previously been renowned for saying the right thing at the right time.

Although the current trend seems to be to blow everything Haig says out of proportion anyway, and it is often hard to determine when the secretary of state is speaking personally or officially, the statement also has to be taken in the context of when and where it took place. Even the British said that everything had been "overstated," but, according to those same British sources, the real reason behind Haig's visit was to discuss the Sinai Rapid Deployment Force.

It is possible and perhaps even likely, then, that Haig's statement actually had the blessing of President Reagan. What better way to politically put the British on the defensive than to criticize their previous actions, ANY previous actions, in order to compromise their position and get them to agree to participating in the Sinai force. Of course, the British have proven many times that they aren't about to be politicized or pushed into a compromising position, and especially not by State Department officials.

Lord Carrington has to be admired for his forthright stance on obtaining a Middle East peace and his willingness, both as British foreign minister and the president of the European Economic Community, to publicly state his position, no matter how much criticism and Zionist heckling results. Obviously, then, Haig's remarks will not affect his clear vision.

Everyone involved in the Middle East dispute, except the Camp David participants, recognize the uselessness of the accord and that it should have been buried years ago. Britain's stance on this topic has also been reinforced by its ambassador to Lebanon, David Roberts, who said Saturday that Camp David was "finished." Now all parties involved in the process should finally hurry Camp David in order to prepare the way for a younger, better thought-out proposal. It is important to speak of a final solution but at the same time, the only way progress can be made is for life to go on.

Saudi Arabian press review

The outcome of Saudi Arabian-Yemeni talks and the task of Arab conciliation at the forthcoming Gulf and Arab heads of state summit appeared for editorial comments in Sunday's newspapers.

Dealing with the Saudi-Yemeni talks, *Okaz* said the talks held here, prior to the Arab summit in Fez, clearly showed the common noble desire of Saudi Arabia and North Yemen to work jointly for realizing Arab reconciliation and to find an Arab alternative for the deadlocked Camp David accord for solving the Mideast issue.

"This desire can be achieved through the adoption of the Saudi Arabian peace plan for the restoration of all occupied Arab lands, including Jerusalem and the establishment of the Palestinian state," the paper added.

On the same subject, *Al-Bilad* said the meeting between the two brotherly states of North Yemen and the Kingdom reflected the dimensions of the Saudi-Yemeni relations and would cement their common stands on all Arab and Islamic issues.

"The Saudi leadership is always keen to hold meetings with Arab brothers, since such meetings will help in further promoting the joint

stands and facing challenges to the whole Arab nation," the paper said.

Commenting on the forthcoming Gulf summit, *Al-Yom* felt the people of the Gulf have great hopes that the summit will ensure a greater degree of cooperation and coordination in all spheres for the prosperity and progress of all Gulf states.

"The cooperation among the six Gulf states has shown the world that unity is not an impossible task for the Arabs," the paper said.

Dealing with the same subject, *Al-Jazirah* said the forthcoming Gulf and Arab heads of state summit, will lead to strengthening Arab solidarity and to adopting a new unified stand by Arab leaders to solve the Mideast problem.

Al-Riyadh said the two summits were arranged to confront the challenges faced by the Arab world and to realize the goals of the Gulf Cooperation Council and the whole Arab nation.

"In the present circumstances, a Gulf security plan and military coordination coupled with genuine political cooperation are necessary to counter the dangers and challenges threatening the Gulf region," the paper wrote.

Mugabe facing challenge over one-party plan

By Stephen Taylor

BULAWAYO —

With Zimbabwe in the grip of a labor upheaval involving teachers and nurses, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe is pushing his campaign to make the country a one-party state deep into hostile territory. Strikes which had disrupted hospitals and closed schools were suspended last month. But the disputes represented a significant challenge to the government and reflect a much wider discontent over rising living costs.

A tough government response — with more than 900 teachers and nurses being arrested and strikers being threatened with dismissal — appeared to have convinced them to go back to work, but both groups pledged that they would come out again if they were not satisfied with the response to their demands.

Despite the strikes Mugabe went ahead with a politically sensitive tour of Matabeleland during a continuing program of meet-the-people visits across the country. The Matabeleland region in the west of Zimbabwe is the home of the Ndebele, a warrior people who support Joshua Nkomo, the prime minister's main rival although also his coalition partner. The Ndebele have been deeply incensed by Mugabe's stated desire to make Zimbabwe a one-party state, seeing it as a plan by Mugabe's Shona-based ZANU (PF) party to subjugate them.

Nkomo himself has been cool toward the idea and excused himself from accompanying the prime minister last week. But he has stated that a merger between his Patriotic Front and ZANU (PF) is a desirable long-term goal.

The kind of obstacles that are in the way of such a union were pointed up shortly after Mugabe's arrival in Bulawayo, where he made a point of visiting a school near the township of Entumbane.

Here, in February, three days of faction fighting between members of the two leaders' guerrilla armies reached a bloody climax in which more than 200 people were killed. The guerrillas have now gone from the area and there is only the occasional sign of the fighting, but the scars and a history of animosity between the two tribal groups runs deep.

Mugabe's mission was to convince Patriotic Front supporters that although he wants to make Zimbabwe a one-party state he will not do so while they object. Speaking from a canvas shelter under a scorching sun in Plumtree, a border town west of here, Mugabe appealed for unity. "The two organizations fought for Zimbabwe, the two brought independence. We achieved the same objective, we should have the same objective now," he said.

The response of the crowd was distinctly cool, with rousing calls being faintly echoed and applause no more than polite. Sources close to the prime minister said, however, that a lukewarm reception had been expected and that Mugabe was pleased that so many had attended his rallies to hear him.

"Together we knocked out Smith and Muzorewa," he told the crowds. "Is there any need to knock out each other?" He again made it clear that the government regards the other black parties as irrelevant. "There are only two parties in Zimbabwe," he said. "If we joint hands by agreement we will have a one-party state."

The odds must be against such an agreement being reached in the present circumstances, and given a choice there can be no doubt that the vast majority of the Ndebele would opt for Mugabe's assurances that, "if you don't want it we will continue as we are."

With the possibility of further industrial action stemming from black dissatisfaction with the rate of financial advance and a difficult economic period ahead, there is likely to be further pressure on the prime minister from within his own party to abandon principles like that. — (ONS)

Berbera mirrors Somalia's shift from Russians to Americans

By Edith M. Lederer

BERBERA, Somalia — In the strategic port of Berbera close to the Middle East oil routes, the Russian-built compound has been renamed the "Somali village" — and residents are hoping it may soon become the "American village." Somalia's switch in allegiance from the Soviets to the West is mirrored in this sleepy port, which the Soviet Union built up as a naval base and the Americans now plan to use in case of an emergency in the Gulf.

In mid-November, more than 200 American troops are to sail into Berbera's harbor, the first tangible symbol of the U.S. commitment to this nation of four million on the turbulent Horn of Africa. Lt.-Col. Hussein Moalim Dahir, the navy commander of Berbera, said the U.S. troops will spend two weeks on logistical maneuvers to show support. More than 6,000 U.S. troops are expected to take part in operation "Bright Star," mainly in Egypt.

"We say welcome to the Americans," said Ahmad Sheikh Abdullahi, the district commissioner of Berbera. "Every Somali wants to see the American people here, to build new relationships with the people, not just with the state. The Russians treated the Somali people very bad."

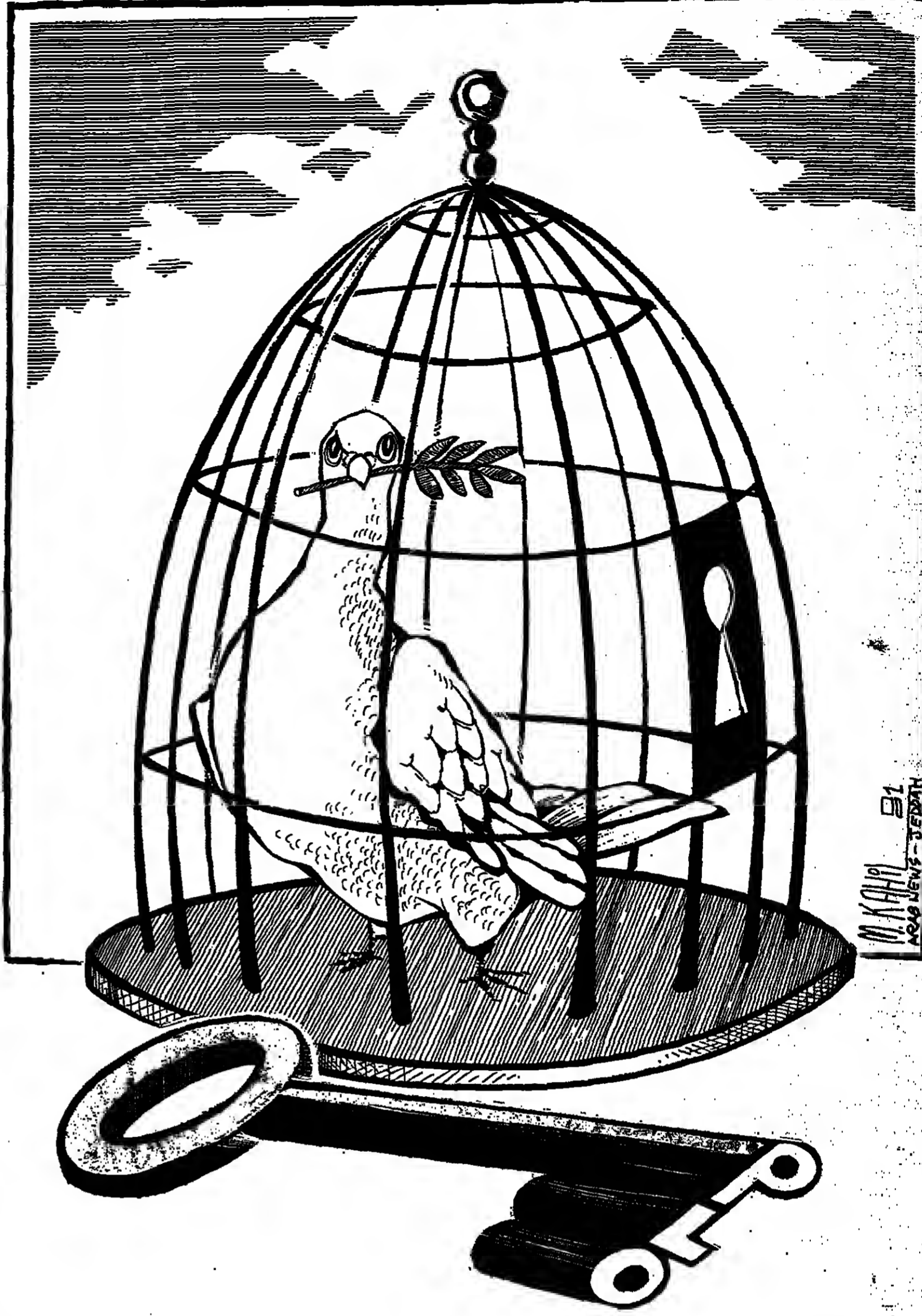
'Bright Star' operation: Biggest U.S. military exercise in M.E.

By Fred S. Hoffman

WASHINGTON — The new United States Middle East military exercise, formally announced by the Pentagon Friday, is far from a demonstration of U.S. ability to project major military forces into that region in a crisis.

It involves more than 6,000 soldiers, airmen, marines and sailors in maneuvers, drills and demonstrations spread among four countries. The main effort will center in Egypt, where some 4,000 U.S. Army and Air Force troops, as well as jet fighters and ground attack planes, will join Egyptian forces in desert maneuvers. Activities in Sudan, Somalia and Oman will be mostly of token size.

Although the "Bright Star" operation this month and next represents the biggest such U.S. military exercise in the Middle East so far, it falls well short of deploying the numbers of troops and volume of equipment that planners believe would be needed to meet a major threat to that region. Lt. Gen. Volney Warner, former commander of the Rapid Deployment Force, said in an interview last year that the United States must have the ability to project at least 2 1/2 divisions into the Middle East to counter a significant threat from the Soviet Union.



In a tour of the dusty streets and sidewalk cafes of this desert city of 30,000, residents echoed the commissioner's welcome for the Americans — and contempt for the Russians who were kicked out of Somalia in 1977.

"If the Americans come, everything will be all right," said shipping company cashier Abdurhman Farah. "We hope the Russians will never come back in our country. When this relationship between Somalia and America becomes strong, it will remove the traces of the Russians."

For the moment, the military relationship is developing slowly — too slowly for top Somali government officials who have recently started criticizing American delays in delivering military equipment and starting improvements to Berbera's port and airstrip.

Under an agreement signed in August 1980, Somalia gave the United States access to its airfields and ports. In exchange, Somalia was to receive \$45 million in military sales for radar and aircraft equipment but not a single shell has yet arrived.

The United States says that long delays are normal in deliveries of military equipment. American sources said a contract is about to be signed to upgrade Berbera's Russian-built airfield, which boasts a 4,100-meter runway, the longest in Africa.

The airfield, paralleling the sparkling blue waters of the Gulf of Aden just outside the city, wasn't

completed when the Russians were expelled. So, the Americans plan to build a tower, fuel tanks, storage facilities and prefabricated houses for U.S. personnel.

The harbor is already overcrowded with ships transporting sheep, goats, camels and cattle, Somalia's main export. There are also ships unloading tons of flour, powdered milk and cooking oil, mainly donated by the United States, for more than 500,000 refugees displaced by fighting in the disputed Ogaden region.

Dahir said three U.S. Navy ships called at Berbera in 1980, but none have come so far this year because of the overcrowding.

Somalia expelled the Soviets in 1977 after Moscow switched its backing to neighboring Ethiopia in the continuing war over the Ogaden. The Ogaden was given to Ethiopia in stages during the last century, but it is populated by ethnic Somalis, and Somalia maintains they must be given the right to self-determination.

After the U.S.-Somalia military agreement was signed, two U.S. congressional committees made strong reservations about supplying arms to Somalia for fear they would be used in the Ogaden. Somalia says it has no regular forces in the Ogaden, but the government is backing the Western Somali Liberation Front, which is still fighting in the region.

small as two battalions of U.S. Army troops and fighter plane units with their supporting elements is underscored by this statistics. The Pentagon said that the effort for the Egyptian phase of the exercises will take about 450 sorties by C-141 and C-5 transport planes. A sortie is a single flight by a single plane. The military airlift command was unable to say how many airplanes will be used in shuttling back and forth across the Atlantic between the United States and Egypt.

Perhaps the most spectacular event of the planned exercises will be a jump by paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division into the Egyptian desert on Nov. 14.

Also part of the over-all Bright Star exercise will be a nonstop flight by six B-52 bombers from the United States to drop explosives on a weapons range in the Egyptian desert. B-52 were used by the Carter administration to demonstrate U.S. concern about the Gulf by ordering the big eight-jet bombers on what were described as reconnaissance missions from Guam to the Indian Ocean-Arabian Sea area last year.

A project marine landing from navy amphibious ships on the coast of Oman has been scaled down, at Omani insistence, and will involve only 1,000

Marines instead of the 1,800 originally intended by U.S. planners. The landing in Oman in early December will be the first by U.S. Marines in the Arabian Sea-Gulf area, but administration officials said the Omanis apparently want to keep the operation as limited as possible to avoid criticism from other Arab states that Oman was allowing itself to be drawn too closely toward U.S. interests.

The planned activities in Sudan and Somalia are quite small and appear mainly symbolic. In Sudan, which recently won U.S. agreement to speed deliveries of tanks and other military hardware, about 350 U.S. Army Special Forces troops, navy unconventional warfare specialists and air force personnel will engage in what the Pentagon called "a joint exercise with Sudanese military personnel." It was understood that this would encompass three days of working with the Sudanese on the problems of dealing with enemy infiltration in difficult terrain.

In Somalia, about 300 U.S. Army and Air Force engineers and medical personnel will carry out such chores as working on an airfield at Berbera and helping Somali medical personnel organize administration tasks, as well as possibly providing some patient care at a hospital. (AP)

Anti-bribery campaign begins in Soviet Union

By Bryan Brunles

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union has launched a fresh campaign against corruption in daily life by strengthening bribery laws and reportedly sending a special message to Communist Party members asking for their vigilance.

Soviet sources say an unusual letter is being read aloud at meetings of assembled party members, briefing them on the campaign against bribe-taking by more clerks, transport workers, doctors, nurses, hospital orderlies and others involved in the distribution of goods and services.

Additionally, the parliament of the Russian Federation — the largest of the Soviet Union's 15 republics — strengthened its criminal code recently, broadening anti-corruption laws to include low-level employees as well as more senior officials.

The changes in the law were announced recently by the Soviet trade union newspaper *Trud* what was believed to be the first announcement of the measures to the general public. The other republics are likely to follow the Russian example.

Soviet newspapers regularly report the prosecution and sentencing of corrupt officials, and Russians frequently complain that they must pay bribes to obtain quality medical care and scarce food, consumer goods and services.

But the reading of the Communist Party letter and announcement of the revised law indicate steeper measures are needed to curb corruption.

Soviet ideology claims that crime and corruption will be eliminated by socialism, which it says erases distinctions between rich and poor and the need for dishonesty in obtaining life's necessities.

A knowledgeable Soviet source said that the reading of "closed" letters to assembled party members is a rarely used device. Another such letter reportedly was read last August warning the estimated 18 million party members that the Soviet Union is facing a difficult harvest this year and food must be conserved.

To explain the new laws and encourage strictly enforcement, *Trud* published an interview recently with Lev D. Smirnov, the vice chairman of the Russian Federation Supreme Court. Smirnov was quoted as saying previous corruption laws were aimed at supervisory officials — such as managers of stores or restaurants. But corruption, he added, goes on at lower levels as well.

"An ordinary mechanic in a radio repair shop, a clerk in a tailor shop, a nurse and hospital orderly, a worker in a store or a warehouse — all these cannot be described as officials," he said.

"Nevertheless, among them are people who do not want to perform their jobs without an additional reward, and who are ready for an illegal reward to help out in purchasing scarce items from stores, warehouses and so forth."

Under the new law, lower-level corruption is punishable by a year of reduced wages or a fine of up to 100 rubles (\$147).



SWISS POLLUTION. Despite its reputation as the land of Alpine beauty, this photo was taken by forecasters of doom who foresee a time when they may be faced with wearing gas masks in order to survive. They complain that Switzerland's city areas and mountain regions are noticeably more polluted than in the past. World pollution experts take the view that it is all part of a world-wide trend caused by automobile and airplane traffic.

Italy hopes to save its leaning tower

By Robert McCartney

ROME (AP) — For more than 800 years the leaning tower of Pisa has looked as though it's about to fall over. Now the Italian government is planning to spend 15 billion lire (\$12 million) to make sure it doesn't.

Scientists who measure the angle of the celebrated campanile, or bell-tower, say it's increasing its tilt by about 1.25 millimeters (one-twentieth of an inch) each year.

"We don't know when, but it will certainly fall if it continues to tip at the current rate," Giuseppe Toniolo, chairman of the committee responsible for the monument, told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. One tower expert has predicted it will topple in 30 to 40 years if nothing is done.

Heeding the suggestion of an international commission, the Italian Senate appropriated funds this week for a four-year project to keep the tower from tilting any further.

Under the plan, an electric pump will be installed to maintain the pressure in an underground layer of water about 50 meters below the tower. Scientists have noticed that the tower increases its tilt when the pressure below is weak, and remains steady when pressure is high.

"The tilt accelerates at the end of the year, when there isn't much rain and the pressure drops," Livio Trevisan, a professor of geology at the University of Pisa, said in a telephone interview.

The pump itself will be on the surface, and water will be pumped underground through at least four pipes to be sunk at various points around the tower and the Pisa cathedral next to it, Toniolo said.

The state funds will also reimburse Pisa for admission money lost while the tower is shut during the work — although the dates and duration of the closing haven't yet been fixed.

The Chamber of Deputies must still approve the project, but Toniolo and others are sure it will pass without difficulty. Christian Democrat Sen. Giuliano Gussio, who sponsored the bill in the Senate, said it was "necessary and urgent because of the dangers deriving from the increase in the phenomenon of inclination of the tower."

The tower, begun in 1173, started to tilt almost immediately after it was constructed because the ground shifted underneath. Standing 54 meters high, it leans 5.1 meters off the perpendicular.

Gero Geri, a professor at the Pisa Institute of Topography, said after his annual measurement of the tower last July that it would collapse by 2010 or 2020 unless it were strengthened.

There have been proposals to build a cage of steel bars to enclose the tower, or a huge statue to sit next to it and provide support,

Only stamp collectors recognize Barbuda

Residents' main worries are Antigua, becoming 'civilized'

UNITED NATIONS — Forget Afghanistan and El Salvador. The real takeover threat these days is in Barbuda. That's right, Barbuda. Okay, you never heard of the place. Neither have most people, which doesn't bother Barbudans much. Barbuda is no industrial or strategic giant, and it's not part of the Third World.

It's more like an other world nation — a tiny Caribbean paradise whose chief exports are sand and stamps, whose wealthiest inhabitant may be the grocery-store operator, whose goats, horses, cows and sheep outnumber its citizens, and whose people worry about a takeover by the so-called "civilized" world.

Barbuda's Eden-like character stems in good part from its common ownership of almost all of the island's 62 square miles of land. That means no mortgage payments or rental costs — natives just plant plots where they please — and no class conflict to speak of. "Since everyone has basic rights to land, there's little difference in power among Barbudans," says anthropologist Riva Berleant-Schiller, who has lived there.

Poverty is no problem. "There's no hunger in Barbuda," says Hilborne Frank, chairman of the Barbuda Council. "If a man is hungry and a fisherman has fish, he will give the man some." Gwen Bucci, an American who recently returned from a visit to Barbuda, adds, "they're a very healthy and proud people. Nobody looks hungry, and though there's no dentist, they all seem to have nice teeth."

Mostly the 1,200 islanders — two thirds of whom are children — relax on unspoiled beaches, look for lobster among coral reefs, hunt or watch an incoming plane.

Five months of the year the plane brings in the island's few vacationers, who shell out \$290 a person nightly to stay at Barbuda's only hotel, the 30-room Coco Point. But there's no Club Med, no hippie holdouts, not even an obscure voodoo cult. Stamp collectors, who will buy nearly \$1 million of Barbuda

philatelic specials this year, are among the few foreigners who have even heard of the island.

That's how Barbudans would like matters to stay. But the outside world — in this case the nearby resort island of Antigua, aided by Britain — may not be capable of leaving a good thing alone.

In granting Antigua its independence, Britain decided that the most appropriate future for Barbuda would be to incorporate it into its tourist-happy neighbor — a notion Barbudans have been struggling against.

Barbudans don't struggle with tanks (there are no gas stations on the island) or with guns (the place is also devoid of violent crime). They simply plead with Britain.

But evidently Britain no longer appreciates the importance of keeping Barbuda under its benign thumb. "We're not in the business of being colonialists anymore," says Stanley Arthur, high commissioner of Barbados and Britain's leading representative in the West Indies.

That's all very well for old imperialists to say, but it's not very satisfying to Barbuda, which since 1976 has been a semi-autonomous dependency of Antigua, with its own elected council and a representative in the Antiguan parliament.

It's not merely that Barbudans don't especially like Antiguans, which they don't. Diann Beazer, a 23-year-old who completed her secondary-school education on Antigua, says other students often picked fights with her because she was a Barbudan. "It's not hidden. You can feel the antagonism between the two people," she remarks.

"Antiguans treat us like third-class citizens," says Barbuda council chairman Frank. "Under the Antiguan constitution we would become like slaves to them."

Barbudans remember, for example, Antigua's support for the 1977 "poo-poo project" before the Barbuda Council. Under that proposal a northeastern U.S. company would have brought in tanks of human

excrement, spread it over parts of the island to dry and return it to the United States as fertilizer. One local lawyer explained to a group of concerned islanders: "An American company is going to transport all the poo-poo released by all the high-class, well-fed white people in Boston."

The U.S. company was to spend \$7.5 million to build a deep-water harbor at Barbuda, and to provide jobs for the islanders, who would have haggled the dried dung. The locals adamantly opposed the plan.

Barbudans preferred to stick to selling stamps and \$25,000 a month of their top-quality fine sand, which is how much the nearby island of Guadeloupe, St. Croix and Martinique need to mix with their rougher volcanic sand to make cement.

Another product Barbudans want to leave in the outside world is marijuana. Eric Burton, the grocery-store owner who is Barbuda's representative in the Antiguan parliament, says he is afraid the Antiguans will allow rastafarians from Jamaica to return to the island to plant the weed. A few months ago Burton got the police to rid Barbuda of the "rastas" when they tried to "seed the island."

But chiefly the Barbudans worry that tourist-happy Antigua will destroy their paradise by allowing ownership and development of land. They have visions of Antigua-run casinos and of organized crime being attracted to their peaceful island.

Grocer Burton, who claims that Antiguans have already begun chopping wood to clear sites, says, "we want the Antiguans to have nothing to do with our island." Anthropologist Berleant-Schiller adds, "Antiguan-style tourism would definitely destroy the Barbuda way of life."

It should have surprised nobody, then, when an overwhelming majority of Barbudans recently elected councilmen who stood for independence from Antigua. Lloyd Jacobs, who became Antigua's first ambas-

sador to the United Nations, says, "historically the people of the two islands have lived together as one. This 'independence' is just the whim of a few people who would set themselves up as king and duke." But his view is not shared by many Barbudans.

Jacobs insists that his larger, more powerful island of 70,000 has helped tiny Barbuda over the years. Antigua collects import duties and sells Barbudan stamps in return for providing its dependent neighbor with 12 school teachers, some civil servants, two nurses and 15 policemen (viewed by Barbudans as an occupying force).

A fully independent Barbuda appears far-fetched, especially since the majority of the island's inhabitants are children. Nevertheless, the Barbudan council recently will recognize their island as an independent nation, even if nobody else does.

The Barbudans have prepared a declaration for the occasion, signed by nearly every one of the island's 400 adults. It states: "We

will establish a lawful separate territory...founded on liberty, based on tolerance and respect for internationally recognized human rights and concerned to further the quality of life."

They have been encouraged by the success of the tiny island of Anguilla in gaining de facto independence not long ago. In 1969 Britain announced plans to grant St. Kitts independence and control over Anguilla, whose 6,000 people then revolted. It was an embarrassing, though bloodless, affair, a comic opera of sorts. A few hundred English paratroops, marines and policemen had to be dropped on the island to end the uprising, but in the end the British gave in.

If this doesn't work for Barbuda, perhaps it could persuade a couple of Sandinistas from Nicaragua to speed some time catching fish on the island. That might scare the Reagan administration enough to take Barbuda under its wing and rescue it from any outsiders.

Brain studied as key to behavior

By Harry Nelson

LOS ANGELES — Brain researchers believe they have identified the center in the brain responsible for "coffee jitters." It is a tiny bundle of nerve cells deep within the brain that the same researchers earlier had identified as being involved with the kind of anxiety suffered by drug addicts when they are in withdrawal.

This same neuron cluster may play a role in causing the pathological anxiety experienced by some non-addicted people, according to Dr. D.E. Redmond Jr. of Yale's Neurobehavioral Laboratory.

His report was one of 3,300 given here at the week long meeting of the Society for Neuroscience of subjects ranging from memory and sleep to mental retardation.

Among the highlights: — Recombinant DNA techniques soon will be used to make nerve cell transmitters and other brain chemicals to be used to study

how genetics are expressed in the brain.

— Scientists are finding more anatomical differences in male and female brains that someday may lead to relating specific personality features with brain structures.

— A new research device at the University of California Los Angeles enables scientists to see what happens biochemically in the brain when we think, read or listen to music. The same device can pinpoint with 100 percent accuracy the site of an epileptic seizure.

The meeting disclosed a growing relationship between basic researchers studying neurophysiology and clinicians who are applying the findings to human problems. One example is the practical fallout that has come from the work of Redmond involving coffee jitters and drug withdrawal.

It is well known that discontinuation of heroin and methadone following prolonged use produces a number of distressing symptoms, including anxiety. Several years ago Redmond and other Yale researchers disco-

vered that the center of this activity in animals is a bundle of neurons called the locus coeruleus.

That nerve center is located in the brain near the top of the spinal cord in a region involved with controlling respiration and heart rate. It consists of less than 20,000 of the 1 billion or more neurons in the brain, yet it supplies 70 percent of one of the brain's chief nerve impulse transmitters.

Despite its small size, branches of the locus coeruleus extend into many parts of the brain, producing a stimulating effect.

The transmitter is called norepinephrine. Redmond and other Yale scientists including Dr. George Agajanian, found that heroin achieves its pacifying effect by causing activity in the locus coeruleus to slow down.

Conversely, stopping the drug causes a rebound in unaccustomed activity by that nerve center, resulting in the unpleasant withdrawal symptoms.

Recently they found that a drug called clonidine, which has been widely used to treat high blood pressure, inhibits activity by the locus coeruleus in a manner similar to heroin or methadone.

The drug has made it possible for 99 out of 100 addicts who previously had been unable to detoxify from heroin to do so. The high detoxification success rate suggests that failure to detoxify may be due as much to chemical activity in the addict's brain as to lack of motivation.

More recently, animal experiments indicated that caffeine and theophylline, the stimulants present in coffee and tea respectively, appear to cause an overreaction by the locus coeruleus in a manner similar to heroin. Likewise, their withdrawal causes similar — although much milder — unpleasant symptoms.

The locus coeruleus may be involved also with panic and anxiety states that have nothing to do with addiction withdrawal. Part of the evidence is that all of the anti-anxiety drugs now in use act on that nerve center.

An understanding of the basic neurophysiology will help researchers target more specific treatments for various types of anxiety.

Toys help disabled youth

By Magne Barnes

MANOMET, Massachusetts (AP) — The elephant has a hearing aid, the cuddly bear an artificial leg and the ordinarily frisky monkey can't get out of his wheelchair. The animals are toys and their creator, Margaret Gibbons, has designed them as a comfort to handicapped youngsters and a learning aid for "able-bodied children."

"It's a good way of getting able-bodied children acquainted with handicaps and the paraphernalia that goes along with them," she said.

Ms. Gibbons is an occupational therapist who works with students in the school system and also stuffs her eight animal companions with colleague Bonnie Stone, a toy maker. They are marketed under the name "Special Friends."

In addition to elephant, bear and monkey, there is rabbit, who has an artificial arm holding a carrot; snake, who is paralyzed and rides upon a wheeled and wavy "snakeskate"

theoretically controlled with his tongue in the way some real electric wheelchairs are; penguin, which is blind and carries a walking stick; and frog, who wears a cast for a broken leg.

"My favorite is monkey," said 11-year-old Chris Bell. Bell has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair as does monkey, whose legs are sewn together to characterize the tightness and lack of mobility experienced by those with the disease.

The idea evolved from Ms. Gibbons' experience with a paralyzed pet squirrel. Considering his disability, she made several contraptions to increase its mobility and in the process, she said, thought others might be able to relate in the same way with toy animals.

"When I first started putting them out, a lot of adults were offended, because of their fear," she said. "A number of people put me down for doing it. They said how horrible it was, as if I was putting their children down."

She said that parents often don't want to accept that their children are different.

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To discourage Soviet demand**Romania launches offensive for peace**

BUCHAREST, Romania, Nov. 8 (AP) — An unprecedented peace offensive launched by economically troubled Romania was viewed by observers as an effort to discourage Soviet demands for higher military spending.

Romanian officials would not comment on unconfirmed reports that the Soviets had their Warsaw Pact allies for higher military spending to offset an increased threat from the West.

The observers, however, pointed out that Romania had stunned Communist leaders in a 1978 Moscow summit by defying a Kremlin call for higher military spending.

Romania's peace offensive started one day after Oct. 27-30 meeting of the Warsaw Pact council ended in Budapest. A terse communique on the meeting said problems of "current activity" and "adequate recommendations" were discussed.

On Oct. 31, Romanian party chief Nicolae Ceausescu chaired a meeting of the national

council of the Socialist Unity front — a Communist-dominated organization — which launched a dramatic appeal for disarmament and peace.

It urged Romanians to join anti-war demonstrations and demanded that military expenditures be frozen at the 1981 level and that military budgets until 1985 were reduced by "at least" ten percent.

Since then Romanian papers were flooded with editorials, which — among other things — condemned the deployment of medium-range missiles in Europe's East and West. Radio and television devoted part of their programs to comments and round-table talks on the subject.

Television screens and newspaper photos prominently showed placards at such rallies, which called for "Peace on Earth", "No missiles in Europe" and "No Neutron Bombs".

Unlike similar demonstrations in Western Europe, the general atmosphere in Romania seemed without anti-American overtones.

Whites warned against insulting Zimbabweans

GATOOMA, Zimbabwe, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — In a renewed attack against racism Saturday, Zimbabwe Prime Minister Robert Mugabe warned members of the white minority against insulting blacks.

Mugabe, addressing cheering supporters at a rally in Gatooma, 128 kms southwest of Salisbury, also urged workers not to take any further abuse by their white bosses.

Speaking in the local Shona dialect, Mugabe said, "from today I give you permission to 'hit' every one who calls you a kaffir" — an Arabic word meaning infidel, long used by some whites to insult blacks.

Mugabe, who has been touring the countryside for two months addressing supporters for the first time since independence April 18 last year, charged that the 190,000 whites had "not changed their racial attitudes."

Until Mugabe led Zimbabwe to independence whites for nine decades ruled the territory, previously the British colony of Rhodesia. "It is the blood and sweat of the workers that has made these people millionaires," Mugabe said of rich white owners of farms, factories, mines and businesses.

Mugabe charged that some whites referred to him as a kaffir and others spoke of their

employees as "dogs."

In his tour of the country Mugabe has often singled out whites for criticism. On Friday, he threatened to seize land owned by whites who failed to pay decent wages to their black workers. Whites traditionally owned most good farm land in Zimbabwe and control most facets of the economy.

On Monday, Mugabe arrives in Belgrade for a five-day visit to Yugoslavia, which gave him invaluable support when he was fighting the guerrilla war for independence.

As a guerrilla leader he visited Yugoslavia on three occasions, but Monday's stay is his first as prime minister, and his welcome is

sure to be warm. The official Yugoslav Tanjug news agency set the tone by calling him an "eminent statesman of Africa's youngest independent country."

In an interview Saturday with Yugoslav journalists, Mugabe himself recognized the aid he had received from Belgrade, not only in political support but in more tangible form, including weapons.

The Namibian problem is expected to be at the center of his talks with Yugoslav leaders. The official government newspaper *Berke* quoted him as stressing the importance of finding a rapid solution and checking South Africa's "delaying tactics."

Greece said not quitting NATO

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Dutch Foreign Minister Max van der Stoep said on his return from Greece Saturday night that the new Socialist regime there did not give the impression it would threaten to leave the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

He said Greek President Andreas Papandreu and Foreign Minister Ioannisaramopoulos indicated they will adopt a critical but constructive attitude toward the tenation European Economic Community (EEC).

As to Greece's objection to an EEC declaration on the mission of the troops that several member countries might contribute to a multi-national buffer force in the Sinai peninsula, Van der Stoep said Greece merely objected to the proposed wording, but that problem had been resolved several days ago.

But he said he did not think a joint tenation Sinai declaration was likely in the immediate future because the question of the political framework for such a declaration was not yet settled.

Mexican Communist Party disbands

MEXICO CITY, Nov. 8 (R) — Mexico's Communist Party, one of the oldest in the world, has formally dissolved itself to help form a new broad-left group which will fight next year's presidential elections. The decision was adopted Friday after an extraordinary party congress, the last in its 62-year history.

The Communists and four small left-wing groups, who were not yet legally registered as parties, decided after months of discussions to merge and form the United Socialist Party of

Mexico (PSUM). The PSUM, still to name its presidential candidate, will try to wrest as many votes as possible away from the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) in the elections next July.

While the showing of the new leftist party is awaited with interest, the election of the PRI candidate, Miguel de la Madrid Hurtado, is virtually assured.

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Quarrel over count's will

French police probe 2 chateau murders

BERGERAC, Southwest France, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Police were Sunday unraveling the brutal double murder of Countess Anne-Marie Baudet, 55, and her son Jacques, 32, in what family members alleged was a family quarrel over the chateau.

Police have charged with murder Jacques Genaud De la Marliere, 33-year-old son-in-law of the countess, who they said had confessed to the crime committed last Wednesday in the cellar of the family chateau at nearby Lamouzie-Saint-Martin.

Police said that although the accused refused to explain the motive, other members of the family claimed that it was caused by a quarrel over the will of the late Count Baudet, who died of cancer six months ago.

The count, descendant of a general emobled by Napoleon, married in 1949 and the couple had three daughters and a son. The count left everything to his wife but his second daughter, Laurence, 24-year-old wife of De la Marliere, and her husband contested this. They demanded a share of the inheritance and the sale of the chateau, valued at 10 million francs (about \$1,800,000).

Family sources said that the countess and her son refused to discuss this claim and continued to work hard growing vegetables and cultivating a small vineyard on the chateau's 100 hectares.

Police were called in early Wednesday morning when a motorist reported finding a car ablaze, with two bodies in it, near the main highway beside the chateau. The countess and her son were immediately identified, and police believed there had been a car accident until autopsies showed that both their

skulls had been smashed in.

Police said Sunday that De la Marliere admitted calling in at the chateau just before midnight, and visiting the cellar with Jacques, whom he murdered by hitting him over the head with a log.

Man caged for 24 years

JAKARTA, Nov. 8 (AFP) — A 41-year-old man regarded as mentally ill was kept in a cage for the past 24 years near Jogjakarta in central Java, it was reported in this Indonesian capital Sunday.

The man, now released from a small cage measuring 2 meters by 1.5 meters (six feet by 4.5 feet), had been locked up by his parents who thought they could thus cure his lost memory, the daily *Sinar Harapan* said.

The man, extremely weak and pale, could hardly speak, when he was released by local authorities on discovering the cage.

Nations urged to honor rights

MANILA, Nov. 8 (AFP) — The majority of governments do not observe their international convention commitments, particularly the Universal Declaration on Human Rights, International Red Cross delegates have been told here.

In a working paper on human rights submitted to the 24th International Red Cross conference, the Swedish Red Cross also noted that the United Nations and other international bodies had failed properly to monitor compliance with these international agreements.

Adraft resolution on torture urged governments to take "greater efforts" to ensure respect for human rights. The resolution also called on the United Nations a new convention against torture and provide for effective enforcement.

"Flagrant violations of human rights that do take place are not being challenged either within the U.N. system, or far instance within the European Council," the report said.

The Swedish Red Cross urged the whole Red Cross organization to "widen its ideological discussion, thus covering human rights issues in general, and not concentrate only on humanitarian problems in times of warfare."

Union with Cape Verde abandoned

New framework for Guinea-Bissau planned

LISBON, Nov. 8 (R) — A year after the coup which severed Guinea-Bissau's close links with the Cape Verde Islands, the young west African country has reached a new crossroads in its history.

The ruling African Party for the Independence of Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde (PAIGC), controlled by the faction which seized power on Nov. 14 last year, began an extraordinary congress in Bissau Sunday. The congress is due to elect an institutional leadership to replace the self-appointed Council of the Revolution, led by Maj. Inao Bernardo Vieira, which deposed former President Luis Cabral.

The 301 delegates will work out a new political course for Guinea-Bissau, now that its plans for eventual union with the Cape Verde Islands have been abandoned and the Cape Verdean wing of the PAIGC has split away. The congress is also likely to work out a new framework for government, according to Education Minister Mario Cabral, who is spokesman for the Council of the Revolution.

Last year's coup took place amid growing public frustration with chronic food shortages, economic disorder and widespread corruption, all of which were blamed on the ruling elite of mixed race Cape Verde islanders.

The coup transferred the balance of power to Guinean blacks, but did not result in a wholesale purge of Cape Verdeans from government.

Vieira, the new head of state, is a pure-blooded black Guinean and replaces a president of Cape Verdean descent. But several top Cape Verdean officials, including Transport Minister Manuel dos Santos, have retained their posts.

The Cape Verdeans originally came to Guinea-Bissau to work as the backbone of Portugal's colonial administration in the country. They formed Guinea-Bissau's educated elite and were at the forefront of the PAIGC's struggle for the independence of

both Guinea-Bissau and the Cape Verde Islands, 400 miles to the northwest.

The party was founded with the ideal of an eventual merger between Guinea-Bissau and Cape Verde, but after the two states became independent in 1974 and 1975 respectively, the dream turned sour.

Cabral and several of his closest colleagues have been imprisoned without trial since the coup and are something of an embarrassment to the government. The Bissau authorities have come under strong international pressure to release Cabral and his fate will be discussed by the PAIGC congress, which ends on Nov. 14, the anniversary of the coup.

BRIEFS

LONDON (AFP) — Princess Anne left London Sunday for New Delhi en route to the Nepalese capital of Katmandu, for a 10-day visit in connection with Britain's Save the Children Fund, of which she is patron.

STUTTGART (AFP) — The Yugoslav Cultural Center here was bombed Sunday apparently by Croatian nationalists. There was heavy damage to the building but no casualties, police said.

LONDON (AP) — Sir Lionel Heald, 84, who served in both World Wars and was attorney general from 1951 to 1954 in the government of Sir Winston Churchill, died at his home in suburban Guildford Saturday, his family announced.

SEOUL (AFP) — That Prime Minister Gen. Prem Tinsulanonda arrived in Seoul from Japan; Sunday for a two-day official visit, and was greeted by South Korean Prime Minister Nam Duck-Woo.

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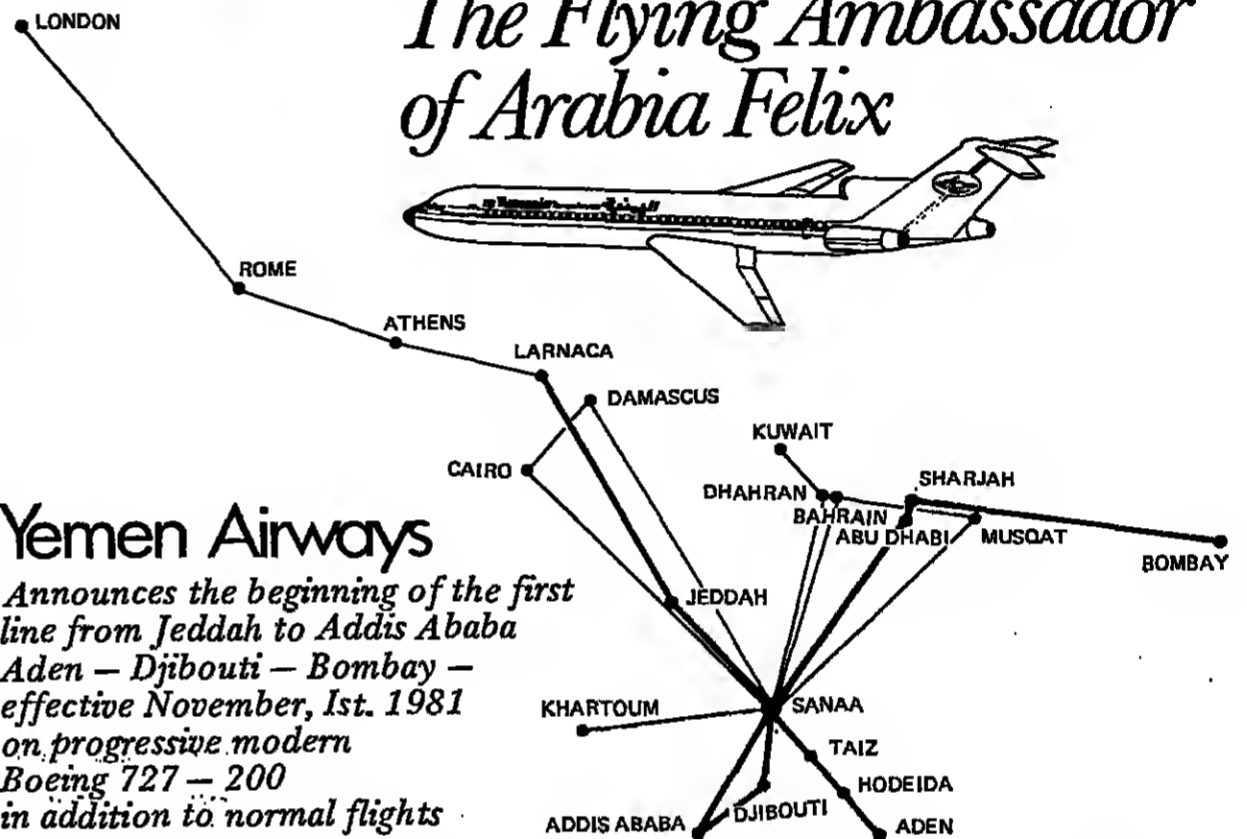


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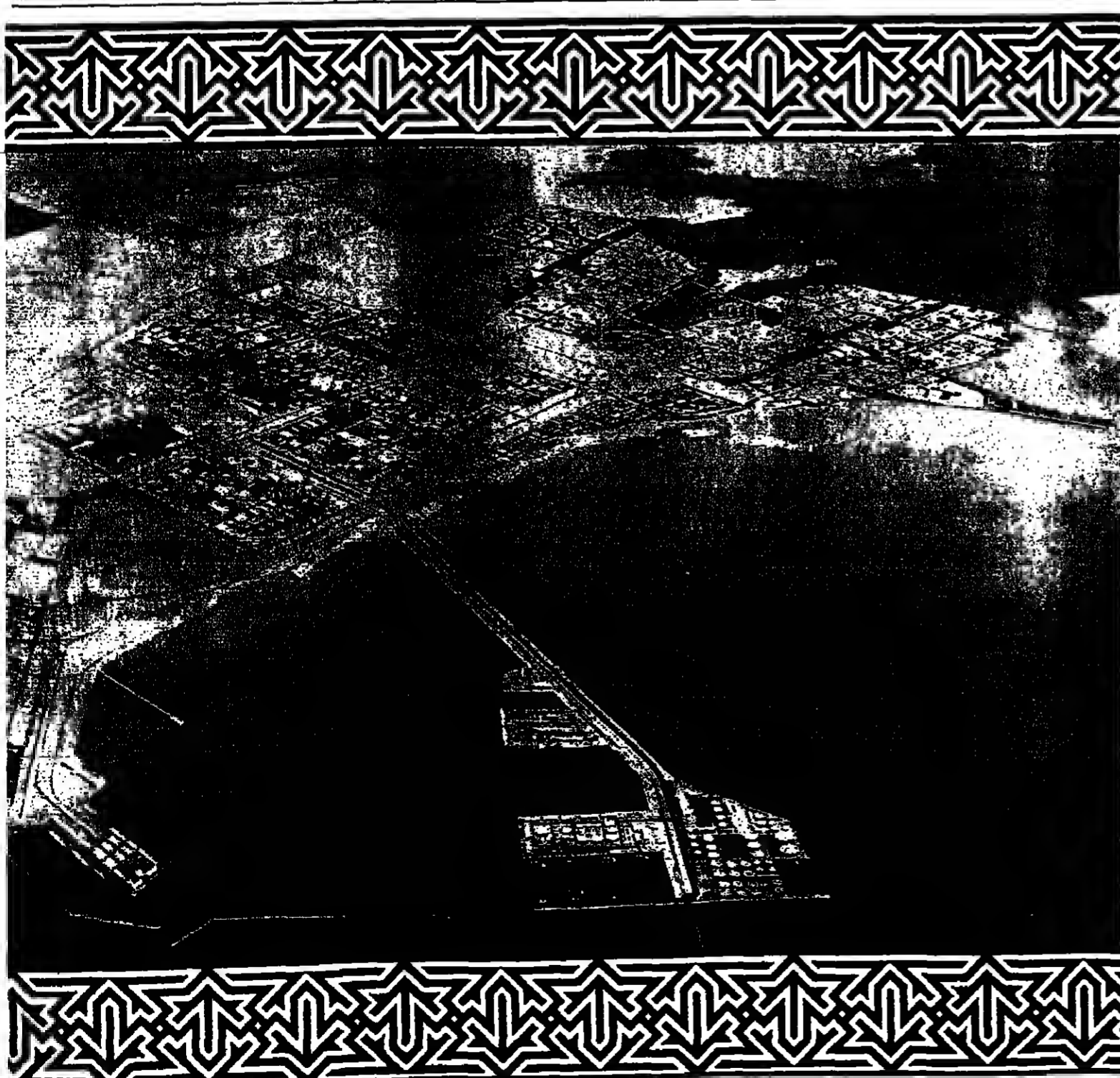
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To protect prices

Libya urges cutback in OPEC production

BEIRUT, Nov. 8 (AP) — Libyan Oil Minister Abdelsalam Zagar said members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries should cut their oil production by 3.5 to 4 million barrels per day to reduce the surplus on world markets and protect prices, a Lebanese newsletter reported Sunday.

"There is a surplus in the market which is created by oversupply and by the overstocking by consumer countries. The latter are now destocking to put pressure on prices," Zagar was quoted as saying in the weekly *Al-Nahar Arab Report and Memo*.

"I estimate this surplus to be of the order of two to three million barrels per day. We producers have to do something to protect our prices," he added. The combined daily output of the 13-nation OPEC cartel is about 20 million barrels a day.

Libya has been hard hit by the glut on the international market mainly as a result of its high price of \$40 for Libyan light crude which was in effect until OPEC nations agreed late last month to unify prices at \$34 a barrel.

The north African oil-producing country has been forced to cut back on output from 1.5 million barrels per day to between 700,000 and 750,000 barrels, which Zagar said was the current daily output.

Zagar's statements came after the Oct. 29 OPEC meeting in Geneva when oil ministers agreed on the new unified base price of \$34.

Saudi Arabia has agreed to reduce its production from 9.5 million barrels a day to 8.5 million barrels as a concession for agreement on the base price.

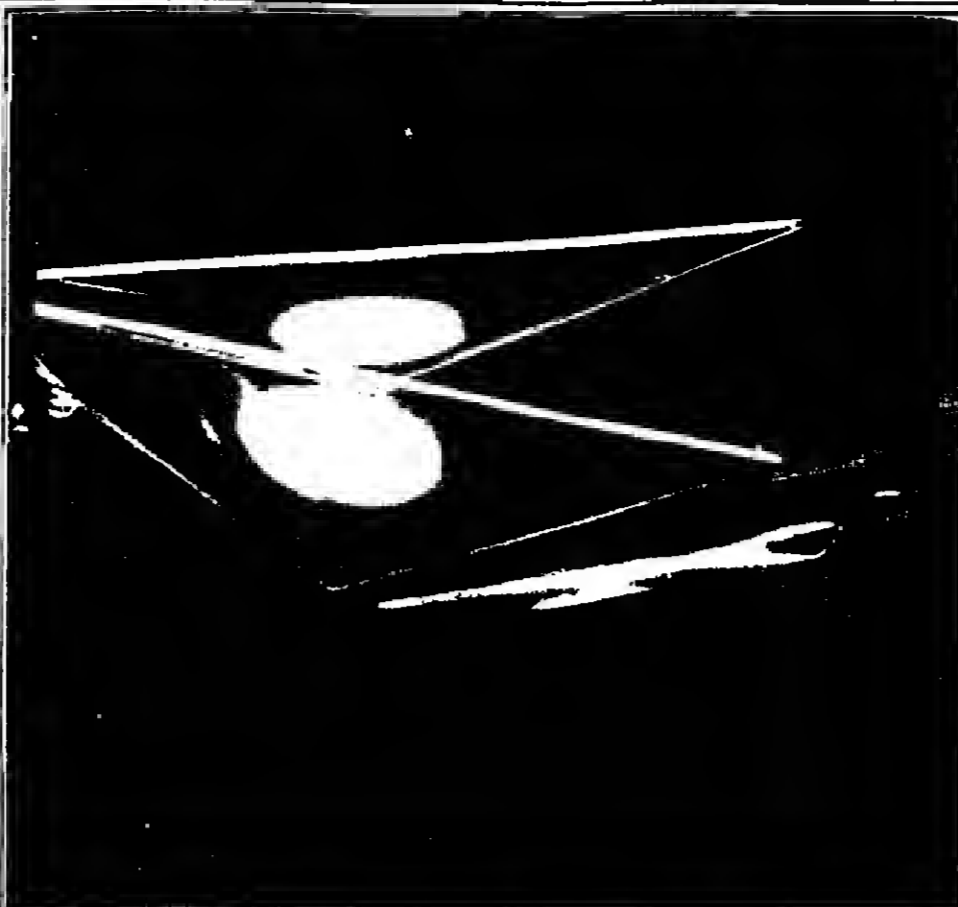
Zagar said Libya planned to increase its production levels now that the price has been unified. He said the \$4 differential charged for Libyan crude "is reasonable and it has the approval of everybody in the organization." But he added that the fact that Nigeria was charging \$1 less definitely is a problem.

In Caracas, Venezuela Energy and Mines Minister Humberto Calderon Berti was quoted Saturday as saying that OPEC is considering a plan to help Third World nations in their oil purchases.

The minister made the statements to journalists on a return flight from India where he accompanied President Luis Herrera Campins on an official visit, according to the English-language local newspaper the *Daily Journal*.

"Venezuela proposed this idea a long time ago, but it has only been with the success of the Venezuelan-Mexican plan in the Caribbean Basin that the OPEC ministers have decided to consider this project seriously," he said.

Mexico and Venezuela agreed last year to supply central American and Caribbean countries with 160,000 barrels of oil on favorable credit terms. The suppliers charge the prevailing world rates for the oil but return 30 percent of the cost in the form of a five-year loan at four percent annual interest.



MORE LIGHT ON SOLAR ENERGY: At the University of East Anglia in eastern England scientists are developing a technique called flat-plate fluorescent collectors, seen in the picture, which can operate in diffuse sunlight to collect the ever present green light from the sun's rays and lengthen its wavelength to produce a light that can be collected by solar cells and turned into electrical energy. The basis is a relatively cheap transparent plastic sheet treated with a dye based on an unusual metal. It will lead to the almost immediate development of solar units to generate limited amounts of electrical energy for use in water pumping or electrical power.

Hit by inflation

Postal rates hiked in U.S.

By Freeman Gregory
Houston Bureau

HOUSTON Nov. 8 — The cost of international mailing from the United States increased recently as a result of changes in the cost of domestic mailing.

Mailing printed material or small packets from the United States to Saudi Arabia went up an average of 4.5 cents Nov. 1 when the price of a first class stamp rose from 18 cents to 20 cents, according to U.S. Postal Service spokesman Ralph Stewart.

He said that the cost of mailing a small packet or printed material that weighs up to two ounces increased from 35 cents to 37 cents. The rest of the price jumps are as follows:

- Up to three ounces: from 52 cents to 54 cents.
- Up to four ounces: from 69 cents to 71 cents.

Soviet car entry into U.S. opposed

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Opposition to the possible sale in the U.S. of the Soviet-built four-wheel drive Niva car has been raised by 22 members of Congress who want President Ronald Reagan to block any import license.

In a letter published here, nine Senators and 13 representatives from car producing states expressed concern about the Niva which has been cleared by environmental officials and must now be checked for fuel consumption by the Energy Department.

The letter said: "With the auto industry in the midst of its worst recession in history, we do not believe this is an appropriate time to open the U.S. market to even more foreign imports."

— Up to six ounces: from 72 cents to 85 cents.

— Up to eight ounces: from 92 cents to 85 cents.

The postal rate increase was necessitated, by inflationary pressures, according to Stewart, who also said the Nov. 1 price boost was not the first attempt the postal service has made to institute a 20 cent charge for mailing a first-class letter.

When the government raised the price of a first-class stamp from 15 cents to 18 cents last March, the postal services actually requested a five cent increase instead of the three cent hike that the U.S. Postal Rates Commission permitted.

Stewart explained that, in order for the postal service to obtain any rate increases, it must submit its request to the rate commission which examines it for a 10-month period.

During the examination period, the rate commission conducts public hearings and, at the end of the period, the commission issues its recommendation.

According to Stewart, the postal service's board of governors possesses the authority to approve, reject or accept the commission's recommendation under protest. The governors also can notify the commission's proposal, he said.

The postal service chose to institute the 18 cent stamp, but did so under protest. Afterward, the postal service governors submitted their rate hike to judicial review in hope of acquiring it that way.

When the postal rate commission again refused to endorse the postal service's request for a 20 cent stamp, the board of governors employed their option to modify the commission's recommendation and implemented the 20 cent charge anyway.

The new 20 cent stamps are identified by the letter "C" printed on them.

Weekly commodities

Tin prices scale new high

LONDON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Tin and coffee were firm among otherwise dull commodity markets this week. Record prices were paid for tin's forward delivery.

Sterling's firmer trend against the U.S. dollar drained off speculative interest, although there were general relief among the 'industrial' (metal and rubber) markets at the return to work of the thousands of British Leyland workers after a short-lived strike. Calmer conditions on the political front with peace initiatives in the Middle East and the withdrawal of Libyan troops from Chad as well as conciliatory moves in Poland all helped to keep the market stable.

The lower U.S. interest rates provided a little late encouragement for buyers, but not sufficient to influence greatly, the overall trend. Cereals retreated from recent high levels. Copper-led base metals generally lower as consumer demand remained limited.

GOLD: Uncertain. Early gains followed the trend toward lower U.S. interest rates. But this rise was lost when New York closed for election day Tuesday. Prices subsequently fluctuated within a very narrow range. The current secrecy which surrounds gold trading will be deepened further by the British government's decision not to publish bullion export details following complaints from Middle East governments.

COPPER: Easier. Prices fell back quite sharply at first in line with New York, and attracted "chartist" selling. Subsequently a marginal recovery developed and the market held steady thereafter.

TIN: Firm. Prices were held rock solid by dealers closely connected with producers. All

selling offers were taken up and quotations for three months delivery advanced to eclipse the previous peaks established in September. The sharp fall in stocks (down 465 tons to 15,900 tons) made little impression either way as it is widely known that the bulk of the tin in warehouse is held by these dealers.

LEAD: Dull. Prices recovered from their worst as "chartist" buying developed. A threat that the strike-hit lead/zinc Hara Mine (Ireland) may be closed had little effect, although significantly sellers were less pressing.

ZINC: Easier. Active conditions developed as prices fell back. News from Ireland regarding the latest moves to end the strike, made little impression although the Hara Mine is normally a major supplier to European smelters.

SILVER: Easier. The massive rise in market stocks, up 760,000 ounces to a record 30,320,000 ounces, effectively squashed buying interest.

ALUMINIUM: Easier. Prices fell to their lowest this year against the background of rising market stocks (up 6,925 tons).

Other metals: Cobalt steadied following plans for a bigger U.S. federal stockpile to be quoted at 9,000/10,000 (against 8,259.75) dollars/lb. Quicksilver rose two dollars to \$422/427.

COFFEE: Irregular. Initially firmer with New York, prices came close to the peak for the year reached in July. Monetary movements continued to play an important role in encouraging profit taking as did the lower trend in New York.

Laos abounds in natural wealth

VIENTIANE, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Though Laos is one of the 25 countries with the least income, it paradoxically has rich unexploited natural resources.

So there are some good cards for carrying out the country's five-year plan, the first year of which has just elapsed.

But there are also heavy handicaps. Laos will depend on foreign aid for a number of years yet.

Per-capita income is under \$100 a year. On the other hand there are underutilized land and un-cut forests, unmined tin, manganese, bauxite, etc., and hydro-electric potential. Laos is as big as West Germany but only has three million inhabitants to feed.

However, there are many obstacles to economic development. Landlocked Laos must get its supplies through Thailand. It lacks competent managerial cadre. The road network is summary.

The people show more family-first individualism than collective solidarity. A new economic orientation decided on in 1979 makes Laos unique among Communist countries. People say that Laos is a "socialist state with a capitalist economy." This joke is hardly exaggerated.

Aside from cooperatives and state capitalist enterprises there are private capi-

talism and small independent producers. The last two categories are the biggest ones. "Relationships in production should conform to the character and level of the productive forces," commented Laotian Communist theoreticians.

Agriculture, the backbone of the economy, is "backward," admits Agriculture Deputy Minister Latsmy Khamboui. Forced collectivization of farmers failed. Only 40 percent of farmers belong to cooperatives (merely loose groups).

Irrigation is old-fashioned. Use of fertilizers and insecticides is limited. But this year's rice harvest was 1,200,000 tons, enough to feed the population.

Above all, Laotian peasants only grow one rice crop a year, during the rainy season. Thus they work only 120 days a year. "If we just worked twice as much, we would be rich," commented one official.

The government hopes increased irrigation and emulation will inspire farmers to till the soil an average of 200 days. But it is tough to persuade a Laotian peasant to work more in order to nourish city folk and to export rice when his family already has enough to eat.

Industry provides only three percent of gross — internal production and employs not more than 10,000 people. There are only a hundred factories including 80 sawmills.

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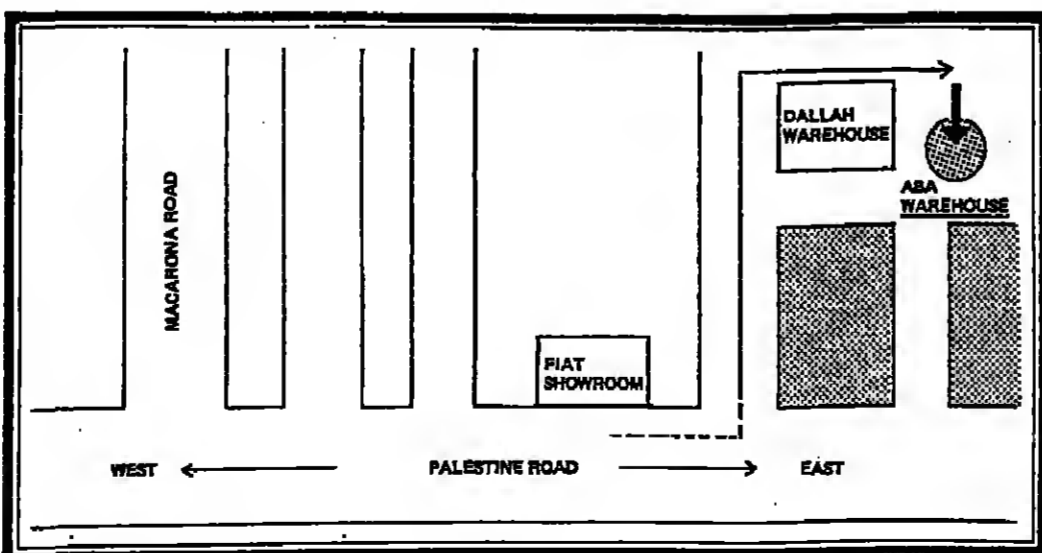
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Liberal policies to stay, Ozal says

IZMIR, Turkey, Nov. 8 (R) — Turkey will continue to plan its economy but will avoid excessive socialist centralization, Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal said.

He told more than 1,500 delegates at Turkey's second major national economics congress which ended here Saturday. The state will continue to intervene in economic matters, making planning necessary. But we can not accept a harsh type of centralized planning that is characteristic of socialist economies.

Government officials at the Congress reaffirmed the continuation of a liberal economic system. They added that present policies, aimed at curbing inflation from its current level of around 35 percent, reducing domestic consumption, increasing industrial productivity and encouraging exports, would be maintained.

Turkey's ruling generals, civilian cabinet members, chief industrialists and businessmen, farmers, labor leaders, bankers and artisans appraised past performances of the economy and mapped out new policies during the six-day meeting. The congress was a replay of the first major economics conference held in Izmir, in 1973.

Jamaica starts search for oil

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Nov. 8 (R) — Jamaica began its onshore search for oil, sinking its first well a few miles (km) in from the south-western coast.

Prime Minister Edward Seaga, who is also mining and energy minister, visited the site Saturday to inaugurate drilling by the state-owned petroleum corporation of Jamaica (PCJ).

Three inland wells are to be dug and if drilling proves encouraging, the program could be extended to a second phase, oil officials said.

Jobless reach 8.3% in Canada

OTTAWA, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Unemployment in Canada in October affected 8.3 percent of the working population, the highest rate in three years, officials have said.

Some 989,000 people were looking for work last month — an increase of 9,000 over September, the post-war record is 8.6 percent, in November 1978.

To bolster fish exports

Norway may use oil weapon

OSLO, Nov. 8, (R) — The Norwegian government, faced with a troubled domestic fishing industry, is being pressed to link increased oil and gas deliveries to European Economic Community (EEC) buyers with a better deal for its fish exports.

"In my opinion the government should consider using oil and gas deliveries as a bargaining card in order to improve the conditions for Norway's fish exports," said Thor Listau, fisheries minister in the new conservative minority government that took office last month.

Norway is not a member of the EEC, but the community casts covetous eyes at its growing reserves of North Sea oil and gas.

It already produces about half a million barrels of crude oil daily and substantial volumes of gas. Exploratory drilling, moving north toward the Arctic, has located potentially huge new deposits. This year Norway is expected to export 25 million tons of oil, of which about 50 percent goes to EEC countries, and 25 billion cubic meters of gas to the EEC.

EEC tariffs on Norway's fish exports to the community are blamed by the fishing industry, the largest in Western Europe, for contributing to its decline. Some 25 percent of

the fishing fleet is at present surplus to capacity with the number of fishermen employed down in recent years from 30,000 to about 17,000.

State subsidies to the industry are running at above \$200 million a year while already-tight regulation measures in over-fished Norwegian waters may have to be made more severe to conserve stocks.

"It is of fundamental importance that the Norwegian fishing industry should be able to defend its interests in the best possible way," the fisheries minister told Reuters in an interview.

Fishermen's union chairman Johan Toff backed the idea of linking petroleum sales with a new deal for fish exports, accusing the EEC of protectionism and discrimination against Norway which could only be met by counter measures. He said Canada and Iceland had got better terms for their fish exports than the Norwegians.

Norway's fishermen are also victims of what Commodore Nils Tiltines of the Coast Guard called a drastic increase in illegal fishing in North Sea waters. Police reported more than 40 foreign vessels arrested this year, mainly West German, British and Danish vessels.

Crisis hits Austrian industries

VIENNA, Nov. 8 (R) — Austria's nationalized industries, often cited abroad as an example of successful socialist economic policies, have come in for a wave of criticism at home as some major sectors slide into crisis.

Predictions of record losses this year for the steel industry, a sector suffering throughout Western Europe, have prompted the conservative opposition to accuse the government of mismanaging the 20 percent of Austrian industry it runs.

The timing of the uproar is ironic. Austria's image as a well-kept household has risen in recent years as its low rates of inflation and unemployment compared increasingly favorably with developments in other West European economies that had less state influence.

Foreign praise rose last spring with the election in France of Socialist President Francois Mitterrand, whose advisers openly praise Austria as an example of efficient state influence on a national economy.

Sparkling the critical wave against Austria's nationalized industry was an internal report of the holding company for state industry — Oesterreichische Industrieverwaltungs-Ag (Oeig) — which reported prospects for some nationalized sectors this year as catastrophic.

"In the first half of 1981, a dramatic worsening of results has set in which hits not only the iron and steel sector but, with the exception of the chemical sector, all main enterprises in the group," the mid-year report, leaked to two Vienna news magazines, said.

"The year 1981 will be not only the worst to date, but also the most difficult to finance," the report, which Oeig Director General

Oil pact fails to up demand for tankers

LONDON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — The recent price agreement by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) did nothing to stimulate fresh interest for tankers this week. Rates tended to remain down with those in the Gulf states area coming closer to the two and one half year lows touched a month ago.

Tanker brokers reported that the Mexican charterers in particular are drawing down heavily on the current stocks which further dampens the necessity for tankers, although this could, in the longer run hold out some hope of oil-stocking taking place in the event of a hard winter, they pointed out.

Indonesia, was bereft of inquiry, but in Africa and the Mediterranean there was a slightly better inquiry although not so good as expected following the OPEC meeting. Of interest in this sector was a clean fixture from Italy to Iran.

The Caribbeans had a much more varied requirement resulting in fixtures to France, Italy and Brazil as well as the more usual routes to the U.S. Atlantic and U.S. Gulf.

Japan shipmakers record higher profits

TOKYO, Nov. 7 (AFP) — Six major Japanese shipbuilding companies have reported sharp increases in sales and profits in the six months to Sept. 30.

The six attributed the improved business performance mainly to concerted anti-slump measures, the comparative price stability of steel products and other materials, and higher output through increased orders for freighters.

Ishikawajima-Harima Heavy Industries Co., Hitachi Shipbuilding and Engineering Co., Mitsui Engineering and Shipbuilding Co., and Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd., decided to resume payment of interim dividends for the first time in four years.

Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. last autumn resumed the payment of interim dividend, making Kawasaki Heavy Industries Ltd., the only major shipbuilder continuing to waive the interim dividend.

Riyal rates continue to ease

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, Nov. 8 — On the local markets, Sunday was another extremely dull trading day according to dealers in Jeddah. Sunday also saw the Bahrain OBU's — offshore booking units — enter the market after the Bahrain one-day holiday Saturday. Riyal rates continued to ease Sunday, taking the one-month JIBOR bid-offer rate to 8 — 8 1/2 percent at one stage from Saturday opening rates of 9 — 9 1/2 percent. The one percent fall in riyal rate reflects both local and Bahrain worries that Eurodollar deposit rates will continue to ease when the European markets open Monday.

Eurodollar worries in fact, made dealing Sunday very far and between with dealers

leaving early. Most prices seen were for "indication" purposes only and the few transactions carried out were concentrated in the very short tenors. Overnight lending rates reached 2 — 3 percent for the second day running, while week — fixed riyal also dropped back to 4 — 4 1/2 percent with few bidders. Once again, dealers pointed out that sizeable liquidity injections were coming into the system and that riyal rates will probably continue to fall during next week.

On the local exchanges, there was hardly any movement on the spot dollar/riyal market with spot prices being quoted at 3.4185 — 95 for most of the day. Once again, dealers were waiting to see how European markets respond to the dollar Monday.

Reagan undeterred by setbacks

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (AFP) — There is to be no short-term change in U.S. economic policy despite the worsening recession and pressure for tax increases to reduce the growing budget deficit, President Ronald Reagan has stressed.

President Reagan is now counting more than ever on the so-called economic gambit which took over economic policy when he entered the White House.

With the strong backing of Treasury Secretary Donald Regan, the president is gambling that the tax reductions he had introduced, particularly affecting income tax thresholds, will be enough to boost the economy. Meanwhile, he is opposed to any tax

increases aimed limiting the budget deficit as sought by Republican congressmen, Budget Director David Stockman, and some financial circles.

The president's opposition is based firstly on his political philosophy of reducing state interference. It is based secondly on what he regards as realism, reflecting the belief that tax increases would worsen the recession.

But this implies that he will have to accept a large increase in the current budget deficit which might rise as high as \$100,000 million against the expected \$43,500 million. The other implication is that it will take longer than the promised date of 1984 to balance the budget.

BRIEFS

NEW YORK (AFP) — Bankers Trust, the eighth biggest U.S. bank, has announced the sale of its credit card activities to the first National Bank of Chicago for an unspecified amount.

LONDON (AFP) — The president of the general council of British Shipping Edmund Vodey noted that the French government intends to triple subsidies in the French merchant shipping industry when he

called for greater government aid to the British fleet. Vasey also noted that several governments give substantial aid to their merchant shipping fleets, and said that it was essential that the British fleet should have some help if it were to compete.

SAO PAULO (AFP) — Brazilian Volkswagen will next month start using solar power to produce hot water needed at its factory training school outside Sao Paulo.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Sunday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahraini Dinar		9.08	9.08
Bangladesh Taka			14.35
Belgian Franc (1,000)	91.00		91.25
Canadian Dollar	286.00		287.00
Deutsche Mark (100)	154.00	155.00	154.95
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	140.10	139.95
Emirate Dirham (100)		3.75	4.13
French Franc (100)		93.00	93.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)		61.10	60.95
Indian Rupee (100)		55.00	51.10
Iranian Ryal (100)			37.25
Iraqi Dinar			
Italian Lira (10,000)	29.00	29.00	29.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.90		15.00
Jordanian Dinar		10.16	10.11
Kuwaiti Dinar		12.15	12.165
Lebanese Lira (100)		74.40	74.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)		61.50	65.20
Pakistani Rupee (100)			34.80
Philippine Peso (100)			43.30
Pound Sterling	6.43	6.46	6.44
Qatari Ryal (100)		94.00	94.05
Singapore Dollar (100)			163.85
Spanish Peseta (1,000)		35.50	36.10
Swiss Franc (100)	191.00	192.40	192.25
Syrian Lira (100)		58.60	63.35
Turkish Lira (1,000)			3.425
U.S. Dollar	3.42	3.43	3.425
Yemeni Ryal (100)		75.00	74.90

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Gold kg.	47,500	47,300
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Ounce	1,500	1,480

The above cash and transfer rates are supplied by Al-Rajhi Company for Currency Exchange & Commerce, Gabel St., Tel. 6420932, Jeddah.

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"	Supply of office equipment	10	200	18.11.81
"	Supply of stationary	1	200	"
Education Ministry	Supply of education material to private institutions	T/42	100	2.2.1402

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5	Resurgence Express	Bamaoda	Bagged Barley	4-11-81
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7	Eleftherios	Alpha	Bagged Grain	24-10-81
8	Boleslaw Ruminski	Attar	Cont/General	8-11-81
9	Continental Merchant	Alsaada	Con/Cyl. Ppr/Gen.	5-11-81
10	Kota Tanjong	O.C.E.	Coffee/Saf. Matches	7-11-81
11	Ming Autumn	Gulf	Timb/Paper/Gen.	"
12	Dagmar Skou	Alireza	Stl/Bgd.Food/Gen.Veh	6-11-81
13	Aboudy	El Hawi	General	7-11-81
15	Sinno M.E. II	Star	Mineral Water	7-11-81
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27	Hugo Oldendorff	Alirezah	Cem/Gen/M.Pdr/Cat.Fd	"
28	Kota Maha	O.C.E.	Con/Tim/Fstfl/Gen.	"
29	Pelagos	MTA	Containers	"
30	Roman Reefer	O.C.E.	Frozen Lam	28-10-8
31	Hebe	O.C.E.	Reefer	29-10-81
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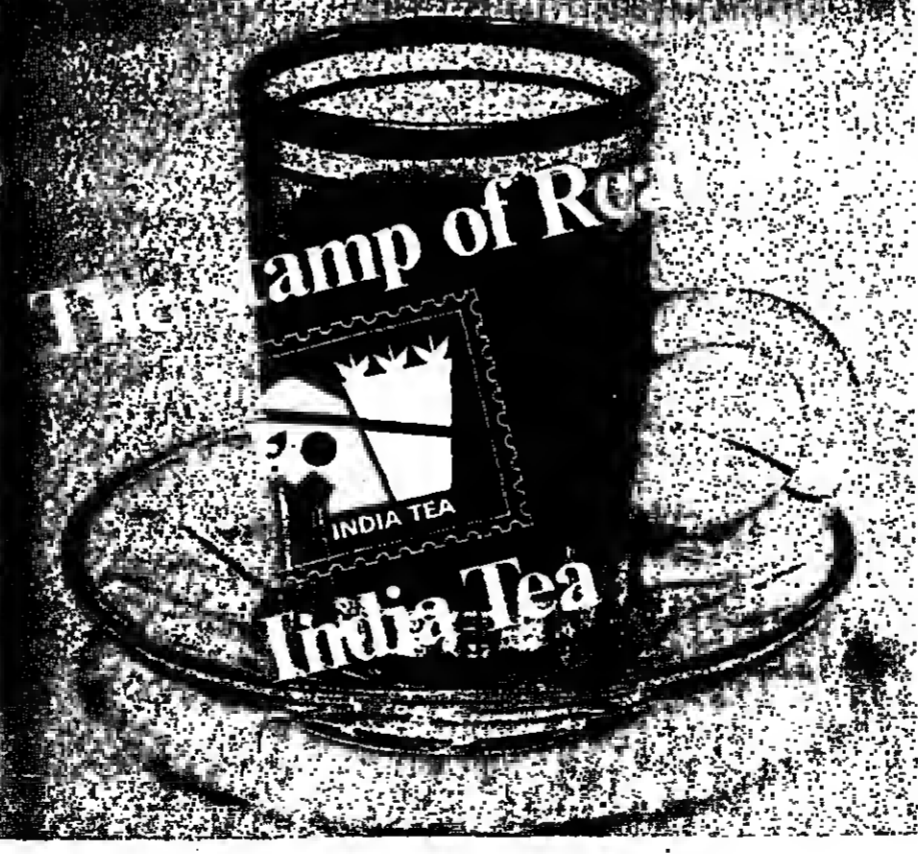
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6	Phoivos	Kanoo	General	3-11-81
8	Maldive Trader	Orri	General	5-11-81
16	Fort Namimo	UEP	Steel Pipes	6-11-81
18	Hannah Lu	Gosabi	Gen/Contra.	7-11-81
30	Tang Shan	Orri	General	6-11-81
32	Al Salimiah	Kanoo	Steel/General	5-11-81
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Connors, Pfister breeze into semis

STOCKHOLM, Nov. 8 (AP) — Jimmy Connors and Hank Pfister breezed past their opponents Saturday to reach the semifinals of the Stockholm Open Tennis Championships.

Connors, the top seed in this \$200,000 indoor event, turned back unseeded Nick Saviano 6-3, 6-4 in a match between two left-handers. Pfister clipped Matt Doyle 6-4, 6-3 in the other all-American quarterfinal.

Geo Mayer, using that good old dink shot to near perfection, cut down Swedish junior Mats Wilander to join his brother Sandy in the semis earlier during the afternoon session.

Geo Mayer, seeded third, won 6-2, 6-3. He was semifinalist last year too but lost to eventual champion Bjorn Borg.

Sandy Mayer, seeded no. 11, was extended to a three-setter by unseeded Peter Elter of West Germany winning their quarterfinal 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Sandy will play Connors, who has never won this tournament, in Sunday's semifinals while brother Gene faces Pfister.

Borg says Gene Mayer has the finest drop shot in the game. And Gene, who hits two-handed off both wings, gave an awesome display of dink shots to dictate the pace against Wilander.

Wilander, a 17-year-old who prefers to play from the baseline, challenged briefly early in the second set. He broke Gene's serve for the first and only time in the match to lead 2-0, but blew a 40-love advantage in the next see-saw game.

The American fought back to deuce and then broke Wilander's serve. Again it was a dink shot that set up the winning point, a cross-court forehand. Missing that opportu-

ity seemed to take the heart out of Wilander, who was broken twice in the seventh and ninth games despite taking a 40-love lead in both.

Sandy Mayer, the 1977 Stockholm Open Champion, relied on his usual attacking game in outlast Elter. After splitting the first two sets, Mayer raced to a 4-0 lead in the decider.

The German broke him for 1-4, but Mayer broke back immediately and then easily held, closing out the match with a final ace. Borg did not enter the tournament this year and neither did John McEnroe, whom the Swede defeated in last year's final here.

Meanwhile, heavy rain caused the postponement of the men's singles final in the Seikn tournament here Sunday with the match between Van Witsvoort of the U.S. and Mark Edmondsoo of Australia evenly balanced in the second set.

Witsvoort was close to victory when he stood 5-1 up in the second after winning the first set 6-4, but the burly Edmondson smashed his way back into contention by winning four straight games to level 5-5. The final will be completed Monday.

Earlier Wendy Turnbull of Australia easily beat Italian Sabina Simmonds 6-3, 6-0 to win the women's singles while Ann Kiyomura and Sharon Walsh of the U.S. beat the British-Australian combination of Anne Hobbs and Susan Leo 6-3, 6-4. The men's doubles are scheduled to be played Monday after the singles.

Australian Kim Warwick and American Bill Scanlon are among the headliners for the \$75,000 International Tennis Championships here from Nov. 9 to Nov. 15.

Top stars for Federation Cup

TOKYO, Nov. 8 (AP) — The United States will be stretching for its sixth straight championship as the Federation Cup, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup, begins here Monday. Top stars from 32 countries will be competing for \$150,000 in prize money.

The seven-day 130-player tournament will be held at the Tamagawa Park Racquet Club on the outskirts of Tokyo, unlike the Davis Cup which is staged over a long period of time throughout the world.

Among the international stars are Chris Evert Lloyd, 26, and Andrea Jaeger, 16, of the United States; Hanna Mandlikova, 19, of Czechoslovakia; Virginia Wade, 36, of Britain; Diane Fromholtz, 25 of Australia; Bettina Bunge, 18, of West Germany; Vima

Jausovec of Yugoslavia, and Virginia Ruzici of Romania.

The focus will be on the defending Americans and their drive to add a sixth trophy to their collection, begun at the 14th Federation Cup in Philadelphia when they beat Australia in the finals and continued through last year's win over Czechoslovakia in West Germany.

The countries most likely to stop the top-seeded Americans, also including Rosie Casals and Kathy Jordan, are said to be second-seeded Czechoslovakia, third-seeded West Germany and the fourth-seeded Australians.

The Americans will start their defense against South Korea on Tuesday and Czechoslovakia, which will field Mandlikova take on Sweden in its first round match Monday.



WORLD RECORD: Ciambattista Marcolla is seen falling during his bid to break the world speed record on roller-skates in Milan Tuesday. The 26-year-old Italian, however, broke the record at an average speed of 109.95 mph in his second attempt.

Himalayan Rally flagged off amid protests

Moreno wins Australian Grand Prix

MELBOURNE, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Brazil's Roberto Moreno Sunday defeated world champion and fellow countryman Nelson Piquet in the Australian Grand Prix Motor races at Calder.

Australian Geoff Brabham was third after defending champion and deposed world champion Alan Jones was forced to retire at the 95th lap when in second place.

In Johannesburg, Porsche filled the first three places in the one-hour Kyalami Motor Race at the Kyalami track Saturday.

West German Formula One driver Jochen Mass took the chequered flag in his Porsche 936 Turbo after completing 365 laps of the 2.55 mile (4.1 km) track in stifling heat. He was followed by compatriot Jurgo Barth, in a Porsche 908 Turbo, who covered 349 laps. Britain's Derek Bell was third in a Porsche 935, just one lap behind Barth.

Meanwhile, Portuguese Santinho Meodes drove his Datsun 160 J to victory in the 11th Algarve Motor Rally, beating out a strong

contingent of Ford Escort RSs, which were struck with mechanical problems.

Britain's Malcolm Wilson and Portuguese Carlos Torres, each one-time leaders, had to drop out.

Political protests tarnished the start in Bombay, India, of the second Himalayan rally as young supporters of opposition leader George Fernandes blocked rally routes by organizing a parallel "the Great Himalayan Bullock Cart Rally."

Shouting slogans, supporters of Fernandes, now a member of the Lok Dal (Peoples Party), parked eight bullock carts and said they had every right to hold a bullock cart rally.

The police clubbed the demonstrators, lifted them from the routes and the 3,800-kms rally was then flagged off by vice president, Mohammed Hidayatullah and film star, Amrith Bachchan.

A total of 60 cars, including some foreign participants passed the starting point at the

two minutes interval.

Lok Dal supporters who had positioned themselves along the route hurled stones at the rally cars but there was no reports of damage.

Meanwhile, Fernandes pledged to end "the menace of the car rally." "The rally is a five star sport, by five star people and I am opposed to this culture." "What sort of sport is this in which scarce and expensive fuel is being wasted, India and Indians cannot afford it," he said.

Last year, his supporters made several futile attempts to stop the rally. But except for some smashed wind screens and damaged rear lights, most of the cars reached their destination, the Indian capital, safe and unscratched.

College Football results

The top twenty in the Associated Press College Football poll in action during the week:

1. Pittsburgh (8-0-0) beat Rutgers 47-3
2. Clemson (9-0-0) beat North Carolina 10-8
3. Southern Cal (9-1-0) beat California 21-3
4. Georgia (8-1-0) beat Florida 26-21
5. Texas (6-1-1) beat Houston 14-14
6. Penn State (7-1-0) beat North Carolina State 22-13
7. Alabama (7-1-1) did not play
8. North Carolina (7-2-0) lost to Clemson 10-8
9. Arizona State (7-1-0) beat San Jose State 31-24
10. Southern Methodist (8-1-0) beat Rice 33-12
11. Nebraska (7-2-0) beat Oklahoma State 54-7
12. Michigan (7-2-0) beat Illinois 70-21
13. Miami, Fla. (6-2-0) beat Florida State 27-19
14. Florida State (6-3-0) lost to Miami, Fla. 27-19
15. Mississippi State (6-3-0) lost to Southern Mississippi 7-6
16. Washington (7-2-0) lost to UCLA 31-0
17. Oklahoma (5-2-1) beat Kansas State 28-21
18. Ohio State (6-3-0) lost to Minnesota 35-31
19. Arkansas (7-2-0) beat Baylor 41-39
20. Southern Mississippi (7-0-1) beat Mississippi State 7-6

Ballesteros finishes in blaze of glory

MELBOURNE, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Spain's Severiano Ballesteros shot a final round 69 to win the Australian Open PGA title by three strokes over the tough Royal Melbourne course here Sunday.

Ballesteros finished clear of five Australian golfers and six strikers ahead of defending champion Sam Torrance of Scotland who shot a 76.

In Yokohama, American Patty Sheehan rolled in five birdies against two bogeys for a three-under-par 71 to win the \$200,000 Mazda Japan Classic, the last-leg of the Ladies Professional Golfers Association tour.

Sheehan, 25, who joined LPGA tour only two years ago, had a three-round total of 213, nine under par, on the 5,765-meter par 74 Sagami Golf Club West course in the western suburbs of this port city.

She had a four-stroke margin over her nearest rival Beth Daniel of the U.S. who shot a two under 72 for a 217 to settle at second place.

Sheehan, last year's U.S. College Ladies' Champion, collected \$30,000 in first prize money. Daniel won the runner-up prize of \$19,600.

It was Sheeran's first victory since she turned pro in July 1980. Deadlocked at third place with 218's were Japan's Nayoko Yoshikawa, and Americans Hollis Stacy and Pat Bradley. Stacy fired a two under par 72. Bradley an even par 75 and Yoshikawa a one over par 75.

UAE chess star records 2nd win

TOKYO, Nov. 8 (AP) — An 11-year-old chess sensation from the United Arab Emirates turned down an offer to call it a draw after 35 moves against his 62-year-old Singapore opponent, then proceeded on to victory Friday evening in the fourth Asian Chess Team Championships going on in Hangzhou, China.

Xinhua news service Saturday reported Ajeeb M. Saleh of the UAE declined a proposal by Lim Kok An to call it a draw and then defeated Lim, who is president of the World Chess Federation's zone 10 of East Asia.

The current tournament includes teams from 14 nations in East and West Asia. The Philippines, winner of the previous three Asian tournaments, is tied with Australia with four wins and a draw for 16 points after five days of preliminary rounds. Xinhua reported.

After the preliminaries, China has four wins and a loss for 15.5 points, followed by India (13), Singapore (11.5), Thailand (9.5), Malaysia (9), Hong Kong (8), New Zealand (8), United Arab Emirates (7.5), Japan (4) and Kuwait (1.5).

Riyadh Tennis

RIYADH, Nov. 8—The 1981 Riyadh "Desert Classic" Tennis tournament will be held at the Riyadh Intercontinental Hotel courts. The final of the men's and women's doubles will be held on Nov. 12 while the mixed doubles final is scheduled for Nov. 19. The singles final, is slated for Nov. 26.

BRIEFS

ROME, (AP) — Roma Whipped Bologna 3-1 at home Sunday and toppled losing Juventus of Turin from the lead of Italy's major soccer league in the season's eighth round. Lowly Geova beat Juventus 2-1 at Genoa and ended Juventus' dominance of the standings.

TOKYO, (AFP) — Favorites China scored their second straight win in the eight-nation, Women's World Volleyball Cup here Sunday by defeating the Soviet Union 3-0 (15-4, 16-14, 15-0).

SYDNEY, (AP) — The West Indies cricket team arrived in Sydney Sunday morning to begin their Australian tour without captain Clive Lloyd who stayed behind in London with his sick wife and will join the team in Adelaide later.

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Surjit Singh will captain Olympic champions India in the first of the four hockey internationals against traditional rivals Pakistan at Bombay on Nov. 21. Beogal Hockey Association president Amiya Sen announced Saturday.

POONA, India (AP) — Japan's university champion Koichi Yamawaki won the men's 110-meter hurdles clocking 14.4 Sunday at the Five-Nation International Athletics Meet in this western Indian city. National champion Seroevyev Astadenko of the Soviet Union breached the tape in the men's 1,500-meter run in 3:52.7.

MUNICH, (AFP) — Swiss pair Urs Freuler and Rene Savary were in the lead Saturday on the third evening of the Munich six-day Cycling event.

MANILA, (AFP) — The Volvo International Grand Prix added Manila to its Asian circuit with the seven-day \$75,000 Tennis Classic in honor of president Ferdinand Marcos.

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Names of three references known to the candidate and with whom he has worked should also be furnished.

Candidates will be interviewed in Pakistan. Date and place will be intimated later.

Selected candidate will be expected to take up his appointment in Jeddah by March 1, 1982.

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Brewer earns Spurs victory

NEW YORK, Nov. 8 (AP) — Ron Brewer scored career-high 40 points Saturday night to rally the injury-riddled San Antonio Spurs to a 103-96 victory over the New York Knicks in the National Basketball Association action Saturday night.

In Salt Lake City, Adrian Dantley scored 23 points and Ben Poquette added 20 as the Utah Jazz downed Phoenix Suns 95-87 for their first victory over the Suns since the Jazz moved to Utah in 1979.

In another match, Milwaukee's Quinn made a steal and sank a layup with 1:02 to play, as the Bucks held off a San Diego comeback for a 105-102 victory.

Meanwhile Reggie Theus netted 16 points in the final quarter and five of his teammates scored in double figures to pace the Chicago Bulls to a 118-105 win over the New Jersey Nets.

While in Pontiac, Nate Archibald scored 24 points and Cedric Maxwell hit for 22 more as the Boston Celtics posted an easy 129-88 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

Providential II triumphs at Laurel Park

LAUREL, Maryland, Nov. 8, (R) — U.S. horse Providential II won the \$250,000 Washington International horse race at Laurel Park Saturday for Swiss diamond dealer Serge Fradkoff.

The four-year-old bay colt bled off a strong challenge from France's April Run, the favorite, with third place going to Galaxy Libra, another U.S. horse Irish filly Cairn Rouge was fourth.

Providential II, who was ridden by French jockey Alain Lequeux, gave the United States its 15th victory in the 30-year history of the international race, run over one and a half miles on turf. The win was worth \$150,000 to owner Fradkoff.

Providential II won by a length from April Run, mount of France's Philippe Paquet. Galaxy Libra was ridden by American Bill Shoemaker and Cairn Rouge by Britain's Lester Piggott.

The rest of the finishing order was: Open Call (U.S.), Match the Hatch (U.S.), Beldale Flutter (Britain), Rainbow Connection (Canada), Siapa Rajah III (Singapore) and Johnny Dance (U.S.).

Match the Hatch, ridden by French jockey Jean-Luc Samyn, led for most of the race, challenged at times by Singapore's Siapa Rajah III and Galaxy Libra, one of five U.S. entries in the race.

Britain's Beldale Flutter, ridden by Pat Eddery, made a move at halfway but did not have the best of runs and faded to seventh at the finish. Siapa Rajah III, who formerly raced under the name Owens in New Zealand, dropped back to finish ninth of the 10 runners.

Meanwhile, a Canadian stud owner E.P. Taylor has refused a mystery syndicate's \$40 million offer for 20-year-old stallion Northern Dancer.



BASKETBALL GIANT: Alexandr Syzonoko of the Soviet Club Stroytel, at 2.37 meters, towers over his opponents on the basketball courts. Here he is seen scoring a basket with a degree of comfort.

U.S. golfers top

Clampett strikes it rich

KAWANISHI, Japan Nov. 8 (AFP) — Setting the pace from the first round, American Bobby Clampett fired a three-under-par 69 in the final round here Sunday to win the individual competition in the 11th U.S.-Japan Golf Match.

Clampett, 21, led the U.S. victory in the team competition with 2,246 strokes against Japan's 2,281. Each team fielded nine players with the best eight scores counted daily.

Clampett wound up the four rounds with 271 strokes, 17-under par, on the 6,218-meter par 72 Kawanishi Sport Country Club West course, a comfortable 10-stroke margin over Japan's Akira Yabe, who shot a three under par 69 in the final round for 278. Clampett won seven million yen (\$30,434).

The U.S. team collected nine million yen (\$39,130) out of the total 36 million yen and the Japanese squad 3.6 million yen (\$15,652).

Meanwhile, John Cook fired a 5-under-par 67 Saturday to take a 1-stroke lead after three rounds of the \$215,000 Southern

California Open at Los Coyotes Country Club.

If Cook can hold his lead Sunday, he stands to win \$81,500 as the result of a special \$50,000 bonus offered by the tournament sponsor.

Cook's 54-hole total is 205, 12 under par. He leads Ed Fiori by one stroke, Jon Chaffee and Fred Copley by two, and midway leader Jack Renner and Peter Oosterhuis by three. Fiori shot 69 Saturday, Chaffee and Copley 68, Oosterhuis 70, and Renner 76.

Thirteen of the top 14 players on the leader board are touring pros. Cook had six birdies and one bogey over the 6,906-yard, par 70 course. Five of his birdies were from six feet or less, and his other was a chip-in from 15 feet.

Cook qualified for the bonus by winning the Crosby in Pebble Beach in January. In the "Legends" portion of the tournament, 69-year-old Sam Snead is the leader at 217, one over par. He leads Art Wall, Gene Littler and Lionel Hebert by four strokes.

Michael Spinks too good for Johnson

Retains WBC title in seventh round

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey Nov. 8 (AP) — Michael Spinks stopped Vonzell Johnson with vicious combinations in the seventh round as the former Olympic champion retained his World Boxing Association light heavyweight title Saturday.

An overhand right coming off a clinch at 1:15 of the seventh round of the scheduled 15-rounder put the challenger to the canvas in his second try at a light heavyweight title.

After taking a mandatory eight count from referee Larry Hazzard, Johnson stood up and seemed ready for more. But one left from Spinks was all it took for Hazzard to stop the fight and declare Spinks the winner.

Spinks, now undefeated in 18 professional outings, made his first successful defense of the WBA title that he took from Eddie Mustafa Muhammad in Las Vegas on July 18.

Johnson, 29, is now 22-3 as a professional. One of his losses was against World Boxing Council champion Matthew Saad Muhammad on Feb. 28 here, when Johnson was knocked out in the 11th round.

Johnson looked better against Muhammad than he did against Spinks, who repeatedly backed Johnson into the ropes with an effective left jab that preceded left crosses and combinations to the head.

Spinks, 25, was most effective on the inside, where he repeatedly beat Johnson to the punch. Johnson was effective only in the fifth round, when he shook off the earlier blows and backed Spinks up with aggressive left jabs throughout the round. He continued his comeback in the sixth, but wandered into the telling final clinch in the seventh.

Spinks, brother of former heavyweight champion Leon Spinks, is usually a slow starter. But he showed early aggressiveness against Johnson with the long left jabs and three-and four-punch combinations inside that constantly kept Johnson on the retreat.

Spinks, who also has a 1976 Olympic gold medal to his credit, earned \$300,000 from the fight. He hoped it would be a tuneup for a million-dollar showdown with Muhammad to unify the light heavyweight title.

After the Spinks-Johnson fight, Muhammad pledged to take on Spinks, but the light heavyweight championship has been marked with broken promises and contracts that are never completed.

Mihara gains verdict

In Rochester, New York, Tadashi Mihara of Japan knocked down Rocky Fratto of the United States in the fourth round and went

on to win the World Boxing Association Junior Middleweight Championship in a 15-round decision at the Rochester War Memorial.

Judges Roberto Ramirez of Puerto Rico and Humberto Figueroa of Panama declared Mihara the winner, while judge Harold Lederman of New York City called it a draw.

Mihara, 26, unbeaten in 15 fights, repeatedly had Fratto, 23, against the ropes in the early rounds and knocked him down for an eight count with a straight right in the fourth round.

Fratto, with his fans chanting "Rocky, Rocky," weathered the round and landed some hard rights and lefts in the next several rounds.

Fratto, fighting from a crouch and covering up his head with his gloves, worked on Mihara's body and staggered him on a couple of occasions with hard looping lefts. But Mihara kept working Fratto against the ropes and pinned him a corner in the 12th round raining blows on him.

Referee Arthur Mercante warned Mihara three times against pushing on the break from clutches and also warned Fratto once for hitting below the waist.

Stafford shatters Cuevas' dreams

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov. 8 (AFP) — American Roger Stafford upset former World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion Mexican Pipino Cuevas here Saturday on points in their 10-rounder.

Cuevas, who lost his crown to "Detroit Hit Man" Thomas Hearns on a second round ko, has since had two wins within the distance.

But on Saturday he was less effective, knocked down in the second round, cut under the left eye in the third, and then weakening to be shook by a punch to the face in the final round.

Cuevas lost not only a fight but any chance of soon meeting American Sugar Ray Leonard for the undisputed welterweight title. Stafford's record is now 28 wins, two losses and one draw. Cuevas' figures are 35-7.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 8 (R) — World Boxing Council heavyweight champion Larry Holmes predicted Saturday that Gerry Cooney would be a far easier opponent than Renaldo Snipes, whom he stopped in the 11th round last night after being knocked down for only the third time in his professional career.

"Cooney's going to be easier to fight than Renaldo Snipes," Holmes told a press conference before leaving for his home in Easton, about 300 miles east of here. "He's a straight-up fighter who's made for me. I think it'll be a four or five-round fight."

For a few moments on Friday night it looked as though Holmes' lucrative date with Cooney would be cancelled when the 10th-ranked but lightly-regarded Snipes floored the WBC champion with an overhand right in the seventh round of what had been regarded as a "tune-up" for Holmes.

Holmes got up without a count, however, and eventually referee Rugby Ortega stopped the fight in the 11th round after the champion staggered Snipes with a right-cross and barrage of eight unanswered blows.

Considerable controversy surrounded Ortega's decision, which some observers and most of the 14,103 spectators felt was premature. But Holmes said: "The ref did the right thing. Snipes was hurt, no doubt about it. There was no way he was going to get out of that corner." Most veteran boxing observers at ringside agreed with Holmes.

Bright knock by Yallop

Kent fails fitness test

MELBOURNE, Nov. 8 (AFP) — Former Australian cricket captain Graham Yallop celebrated his return to the Test team Sunday with a flawless 68 while playing for Victoria against Pakistan at the Melbourne Cricket ground.

Yallop, 29, was omitted from the Australian team last Wednesday, but gained a reprieve Saturday when tall Queenslander Martin Kent failed to pass a fitness Test in Brisbane because of a sciatic nerve condition.

Kent was preferred to Yallop for the Perth Test with the approaching series against the West Indies in mind, but the Victorian left-hander has been in immaculate form this summer.

In three first-class games, Yallop has passed 30 in five of his six innings, including a top score of 82 against a Queensland attack containing fast bowler Jeff Thomson.

Australian captain Greg Chappell stated previously that Kent would bat at No. 3 after Bruce Laird and Graeme Wood in the Test, but he was tempted to reshuffle the order with Yallop coming into the team.

Yallop will be appearing in his 32nd Test for Australia. He has hit six Test centuries. Yallop stroked the ball beautifully Saturday hitting nine boundaries with a fine array of drives, cuts, sweeps and pull shots in an innings of 173 minutes on a placid velvet pitch.

Conditions have been cool in Melbourne, which prevented the strip from drying out rapidly, and with a few exceptions the pace and bounce of the ball has been consistent in the first three days of the game.

Yallop had a splendid partner in opening batsman, Gary Watts, the 23-year-old Fitzroy lefthander, who made 54 not out and combined in a second-wicket stand of 123 in Victoria's second innings of 154 for three.

Victoria trailed by six runs on the first innings — 311 for eight declared to Pakistan's 317. A draw seems certain unless there is a sudden deterioration in the pitch.

An unexpected turn of events in Pakistan's first innings was the action of Test umpire Rex Whitehead in barring veteran former Australian paceman Max Walker for repeatedly damaging the pitch in his follow-through.

Umpire Whitehead gave Walker a caution and then a warning late on Saturday and ordered him out of the attack after he bowled only 3.5 overs Sunday. It was the first occasion Walker has had an umpire take such drastic action against him. He will be able to bowl again in Pakistan's second innings.

In a subdued day's play, the young Pakistani allrounder Ejaz Faqih, had been unfortunate to be run out for one from only the second ball he placed, but later he took two wickets with successive deliveries.

U.S. strongmen keep ahead

CALCUTTA, India, Nov. 8 (AP) — Defending champions of the United States remained in the lead Saturday on the third day of the 11th World Powerlifting Championships at this eastern Indian port city.

The U.S. team has 64 points, and is followed by Britain, with 54 points, Finland, with 52, Japan, with 43, Sweden, 31, and hosts India, 28.

American Mike Bridges, competing for the second consecutive year in the 82.5 kilogram middle heavyweight class, retained the title, setting two new world records.

The 24-year-old strongman lifted a total of 945 kilograms, surpassing by five kilograms the international record held by him, and bench-pressed 240 kilograms, bettering the

232.5 kilogram record of fellow American Mike MacDonald.

In the 75 kilogram light heavyweight class, Britain's Steve Alexander lifted a total of 752.5 kilograms to win the event. In the three basic tests, he lifted 280 kilograms in the deep knee bend, known as squat, 175 in the two hand bench press and 297.5 in the two hands dead lift.

Sweden's Lars Backlund, with a 732.5 kilogram total, was placed second in the 75 kilogram weight class and Skule Oskarson of Iceland, with 700, third.

Walter Thomas of the U.S. won the 92 kilogram weight class with a 930 kilogram total.

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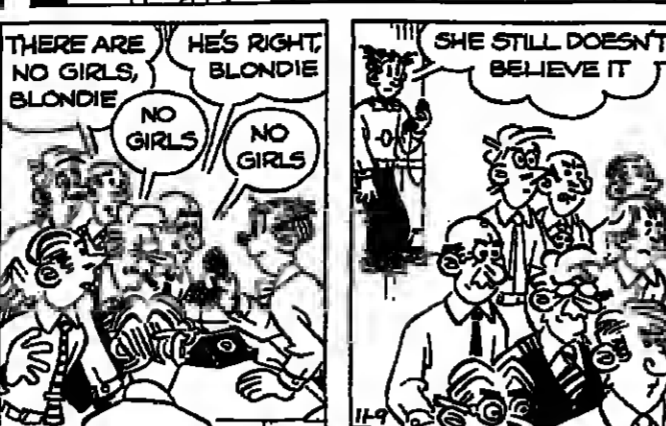
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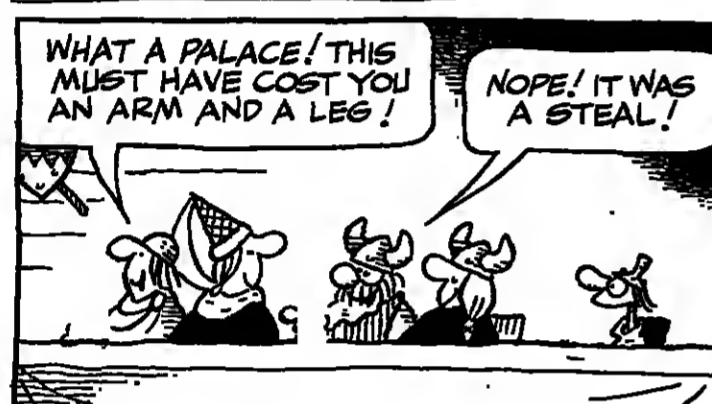
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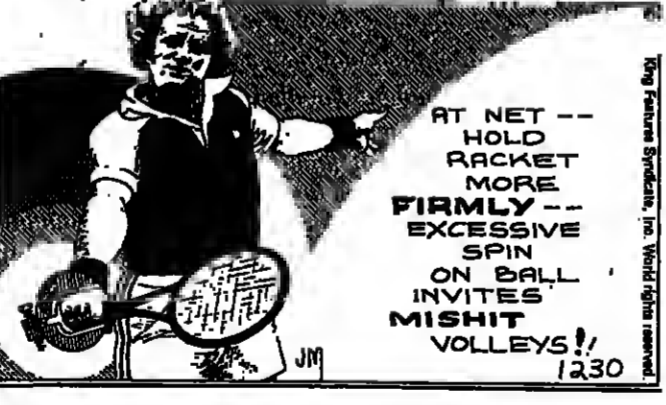
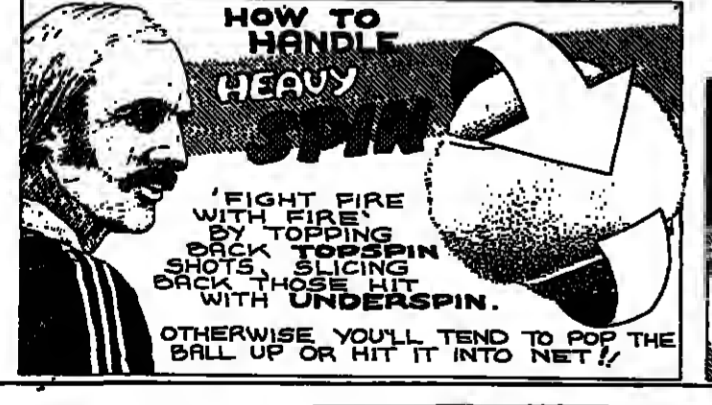
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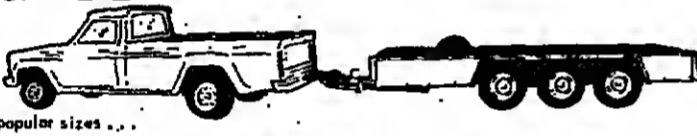
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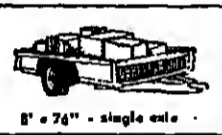
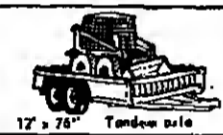

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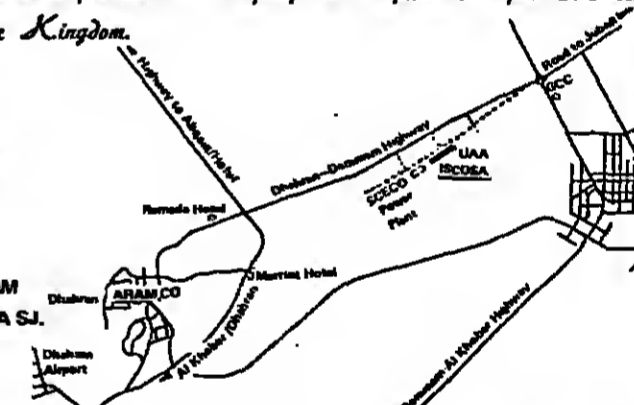
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18-21 age group votes

Right-wing Liberals may win Belgian poll

BRUSSELS, Nov. 8 (R) — Belgians voted Sunday in a premature general election which they hope will produce a government able to guide the country out of recession. Polling ended at 1200 GMT and computer forecasts of the result were expected about seven hours later.

Almost seven million voters, with the 18-21 age bracket included for the first time, were required to vote in the country's 13th general election since World War II. Voting is compulsory under Belgian law.

They turned out in cold, sunny weather at the end of a campaign which failed to arouse strong public interest despite the serious state of the economy and linguistic rivalry between the Dutch and French-speaking sections of the population.

Opinion polls have suggested that the right-wing Liberals should do well, taking votes away from the country's biggest political party, the Flemish Social Christians (CVP), which has been the dominant partner in most recent coalition governments.

The government of Prime Minister Mark

Eyskens, a CVP member, resigned in September because of internal disagreements over aid to Wallonia's declining steel industry. The CVP and its main coalition partners, the Francophone Socialists (PS), had already been at loggerheads throughout the summer over the need for an austerity budget next year.

Political sources said the CVP insisted on an election as the way out of these difficulties in hopes that a new alliance, possibly with the Liberals, could take sterner measures to cut public spending, much of which goes to pay interest on foreign debt.

However, the sources said the Socialists in or out of government would provide stiff resistance to any measures which made life harder for wage earners or for the 10 percent of the work force who are unemployed.

The election has been most hotly contested in Brussels, the largely French-speaking capital surrounded by Flemish territory. A record 24 parties put up candidates, most of them campaigning on ways to safeguard the rights of the different linguistic communities.

In the past, Belgians have had to wait weeks or even months before a government emerges from inter-party talks about the composition of a new coalition. After the last general election in December 1978, it took almost four months to form a new government.



BELGIAN PRINCESS VOTES: Princess Astrid, 19-year-old niece of King Baudouin, casts her vote in the general election Sunday. Belgians in the 18-21 age group are voting for the first time this year.

U.S. general admits theory of limited war

VENICE, Italy, Nov. 8 (AFP) — U.S. Gen. Bernard Rogers, commander in chief of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) forces in Europe, has said that a nuclear war limited to Europe is one of the working hypotheses of the Atlantic alliance, according to Italian newspaper Sunday.

They quoted Gen. Rogers, here to report to the Veioce Atlantic Committee, as telling reporters Saturday that history taught that nations with internal problems and excessive military strength often had "good reasons" for military adventures outside their borders.

He said this might be the case with the Soviet Union, in view of its problems inside the Warsaw Pact. He expressed concern over the mushrooming peace demonstrations in Europe, and said that while their aims might be peace, this would be peace without freedom, rights, or values.

The real danger, he said, was that the Warsaw Pact might mistakenly doubt the West's will to escalate any conflict to the nuclear threshold, which was why the Atlantic alliance had to commit itself to a credible deterrent.

Asked by a reporter if NATO has a contingency plan for a demonstration nuclear blast, Gen. Rogers replied that NATO was studying different options, and that U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was right to refer to the possibility of a nuclear "warning shot," but there was no such operational plan, as U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger had said.

Chinese communicate over missing suitcase

HONG KONG, Nov. 8 (AFP) — A brown suitcase lost by a scientist from the United States on his way to a telepathy conference has brought a small breakthrough in dialogue between Communist China and Nationalist Republic of China.

The search for the missing suitcase led to the first direct communication between Taipei's China Airlines and Peking's Civil Aviation Administration (CAA), according to reports reaching here Sunday.

The scientist, described as an American-Chinese from Phoenix, Arizona, realized the luggage was missing when he arrived at the Peking Airport on Nov. 1 for the telepathy conference. Airport officials immediately teleaxed China Airlines offices in Phoenix, Los Angeles and Hong Kong, and to their surprise the Phoenix office told them that the suitcase was mistakenly sent to Hong Kong via Taipei.

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Experiments killed 3,000

Japan germ researchers given immunity

WASHINGTON, Nov. 8 (R) — The United States gave immunity from prosecution to Japanese germ warfare researchers at the end of World II although their experiments had killed at least 3,000 persons according to a scientific journal published here.

The Bulletin of the atomic scientists said that although the American government knew U.S. prisoners of war were among the victims, it blocked war crimes trials in exchange for information from the Japanese Army officers and scientists involved.

A Pentagon spokesman said the Defense Department would have no comment on the article, which quoted extensively from once-secret official documents, some of them reprinted in full, obtained under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act.

The account by Asian affairs specialist John Powell tells how in 1930 Japan launched a major experimental program in biological warfare which left it in 1945 with a huge stockpile of germs, disease carriers and delivery equipment. But the U.S. military were interested not so much in the equipment as in the results of experiments on living human beings, the article said.

The article alleges that Gen. Ishii Shiro, an army surgeon, set up a germ warfare experimental installation in Manchuria in 1931 after the Japanese invasion and occu-

ation of the Chinese province.

At this station and at least two others, Chinese and later American prisoners were infected with anthrax, bubonic plague and other diseases, according to the article.

It said some prisoners were killed in vivisection experiments and others died as a result of experiments in which their limbs were frozen or infected with gas gangrene.

Some of these human guinea pigs were killed by the Japanese at various stages of illnesses induced in order to study how the diseases progressed, the article said.

Others were killed when their bodies became so ravaged by successive infections that they were no longer useful. Still others were murdered as the Japanese fled Manchuria in the face of the Soviet Army in 1945, it said.

Earlier the Japanese put their experiments to use in combat against the Chinese with moderate success, according to the article. It tells how cities such as Ningbo near Shanghai were infected with plague-infected debris dropped from planes, resulting in a number of civilian deaths.

According to official documents quoted in the article, the Japanese biological warfare teams managed to get nearly all the files and reports on the experiments back to Japan.

It quoted a secret memo from U.S. milit-

ary scientist Edwin Hill as saying: "Such information could not be obtained in our own laboratories because of scruples attached to human experimentation. It represents data which have been obtained by Japanese scientists at the expenditure of millions of dollars and years of work."

One top secret memo written at U.S. military headquarters in Tokyo in 1945 argued for granting immunity from prosecution. "This will result in exploiting 20 years experience of the director, former Gen. Ishii, who can assure complete cooperation of his former subordinates," it said, without specifying how many others were granted immunity.

At the same time that Gen. Ishii and his subordinates were taken into custody at the end of the war, U.S. officials in Nuremberg were prosecuting German doctors who experimented on inmates of Nazi death camps.

The article quoted U.S. government memos which noted a risk of embarrassment if the Japanese immunity plan were disclosed. But they urged that it proceed in secret in order to secure the cooperation of the Japanese scientists.

Since World War II some details of the Japanese experiments have come to light, but the article disclosed for the first time how the U.S. military became involved.

Mitterrand gets positive rating

PARIS, Nov. 8 (AP) — Most French people gave Socialist President Francois Mitterrand a positive rating for his first six months in office, according to a poll published in Sunday's Journal de Dimanche.

Fifty-three percent of the 1,000 adults questioned by the polling firm Ifres gave him a positive rating, 31 percent a negative rating and 16 percent expressed no opinion. Last August, a similar poll gave Mitterrand a 44 percent positive rating, compared to 35 percent negative and 21 percent no opinion.

Mitterrand's first six months in office have been marked by significant changes in French political life, and 57 percent of those polled said they believed they were witnessing a fundamental change in society. In August, only 43 percent said the same thing.

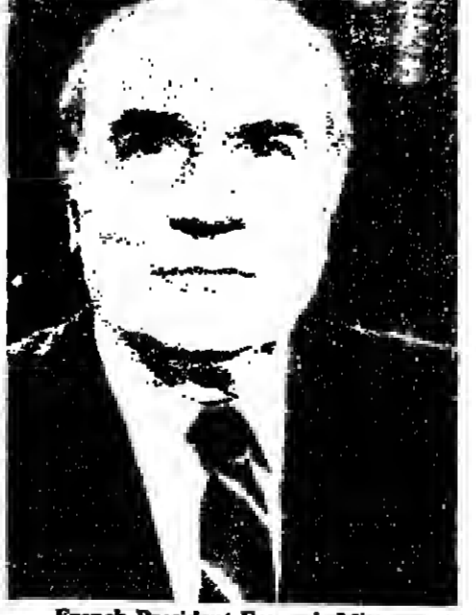
The Socialist-dominated National Assembly has abolished the death penalty, voted to decentralize French government, pushed through the administration's plan to nationalize banks and several large industrial groups — representing about 15 percent of the nation's gross national product — and is preparing to pass a wealth tax.

The government has abolished anonymous gold purchases, a traditional method of cheating on taxes, and is preparing a complete reform of the state-run broadcasting industry.

Despite some tough talk by the Socialist Party's left wing, the administration generally is seen as moderate, according to the poll.

Forty-eight percent said the government's general tendency is toward moderation, while 34 percent characterized it as radical and 18 percent expressed no opinion. Fifty-eight percent said their personal wish was for moderation, while 27 percent wanted more radical change and 15 percent had no opinion.

Mitterrand fared less well on the issue of whether he had kept his campaign promises to cut inflation and boost employment.



French President Francois Mitterrand

About 41 percent said he had kept his promises on inflation, 48 percent said he had not and 11 percent had no opinion, the poll said.

On unemployment, the major campaign issue in last May's presidential elections, 48 percent said he had failed to keep his promises, 44 percent said he had kept them, and 8 percent expressed no opinion.

Angola alleges attack

PRETORIA, Nov. 8 (R) — A South African defense force spokesman Sunday said he had no comment on Angolan charges that South African planes had made fresh attacks in Angola.

An Angolan Defense Ministry communique issued in Luanda said South African fighters shot down an Angolan military plane over southern Angola last Friday. The communique also said South African planes bombed and rocketed Angolan Army positions at Cahama, about 200 kms inside Angola last Thursday.

Spain civil guard wounded in blast

VITORIA, Northern Spain, Nov. 8 (AFP) — A civil guard sergeant was seriously wounded in an overnight bomb explosion near an electrical transformer station at Labastida, Alava province, police sources said here Sunday. The explosion occurred when one of several guards patrolling the perimeter found a flashlight which exploded as he handled it.

Nobody has yet claimed responsibility for the blast. The transformer station which belongs to a subsidiary of the Iberduero Co. was recently the target of a bomb attack. The company, which is building a central nuclear station at Lemona, near Bilbao, has been the target of more than 70 attacks so far this year. Most of them have been claimed by the Basque separatist ETA military wing, which says the nuclear station represents a danger for the residents of Bilbao.

Meanwhile, Spanish feminist Jimena Alonso, suspected of collaborating with the military wing of ETA, has claimed she was maltreated by police after her recent arrest, the Madrid newspaper El Pais reported Sunday. The newspaper cited a letter sent by Miss Alonso to the judge investigating the affair, in which she also denied any contact with Basque separatists and demanded to be set free.

Miss Alonso was arrested on Oct. 20 along with four other members of intellectual circles, who were also accused of having contacts with the ETA military wing. Centrist sources at Bilbao said Sunday that fear of separatist terrorism had slashed by half the number of militants belonging to the Union for a Democratic Center (UDC), a Basque country governmental coalition.

The loss of UDC prestige in Basque country, caused by internal conflicts within the government, had helped send UDC membership plunging from 1,000 to 500 since March.

Solidarity, government to renew talks this week

WARSZAWA, Nov. 8 (Agencies) — Poland's Communist government and the Solidarity free trade union were expected to resume formal working contacts this week after more than three months of strikes and mutual recrimination.

The road to renewed dialogue was opened last Wednesday when Communist, church and Solidarity leaders met jointly for the first time since the Polish crisis began more than 16 months ago. Apart from three abortive attempts at talks in August and local level contacts, the union and government had been locked in a war of words and strikes until last week's meeting which all sides greeted as a potentially major breakthrough.

The meeting intensified speculation about some form of national front to broaden the basis of government in Poland beyond the numerically small Communist Party. The free trade union movement has made no formal pronouncement on the prospect of joining a national front, but officials said the union's executive presidium would meet Monday to appoint a negotiating team for talks with the government.

The government has said it is ready to talk with Solidarity on any issue. This was a clear departure from statements issued after the union's controversial national congress in September and October which the authorities said all severed relations.

But union leader Lech Walesa has acknowledged that the government expects compromise on Solidarity's part and he is likely to come under mounting pressure to pacify the remaining pockets of industrial unrest in

Poland as a show of goodwill. Walesa's own militants have refused to call for an immediate end to strikes, which at the weekend continued in the Sosnowiec coal mine and the western region of Zielona Gora.

More than 200 Solidarity factory branches in the Katowice area have called for the dismissal of the local governor because of failure to find those responsible for throwing gas capsules at miners in Sosnowiec, the incident which led to the strike. Students at Warsaw University were also threatening to widen a campus protest over the appointment of a college rector in Radom who is regarded as being anti-Solidarity.

"It seems that everything can be settled promptly," Stanislaw Szymkowiak, a strike committee member in Zielona Gora, however, said. Although the government has said that further bargaining would be futile, Szymkowiak said, "we have some unofficial chances for the talks that could solve everything."

He said he was hopeful for a resolution as early as Monday in the dispute prompted by demands for the dismissal of state farm managers. Solidarity has called incompetent sympathy strikes throughout the province, swelling the numbers of protesting workers to more than 150,000 — making the walkout the widest since the nationwide strike wave that led to Solidarity's creation.

Resolution of the 18-day-old dispute would diminish considerably Poland's lingering strike tensions. About 160,000 workers were on strike in the country Sunday, compared with more than 25,000 a week earlier.

Shuttle to blast off Thursday

CAPE CANAVERAL, Nov. 8 (R) — The space shuttle Columbia, delayed by an unplanned oil change, will blast off on its unprecedented second space flight Thursday.

Officials said Saturday they had decided it would be ready to fly after contaminated oil and clogged filters in two troublesome power units were replaced. Abnormally high pressure readings in the two units forced the shuttle launch last Wednesday to be postponed by mission controllers just 31 seconds before takeoff.

The controllers admitted later that Columbia could have flown but they thought it better to fix the system rather than risk something going wrong during the five-day voyage. The faulty devices provide power to the winged orbiter's hydraulic system during takeoff and landing. The two power units with the oil problem were flown aboard the Columbia during its three-day maiden voyage in April.

The next launch's countdown will begin Tuesday and liftoff is set for 7:30 a.m. EST (1230 GMT) Thursday. The Columbia is due to spend five days in orbit conducting scientific experiments and testing a remotely-controlled mechanical arm for handling cargo. The experiments are designed to demonstrate the spacecraft's suitability as an

orbiting platform for scientific research.

Astronauts Joe Engle and Richard Truly will also flex the muscles of the 15-meter arm which will be used on future missions to deploy payloads or pick up orbiting objects and return them to Earth.

The Columbia is now due to land next Tuesday.

Frankfurt delays work on runway

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Nov. 8 (R) — After a week of sometimes violent demonstrations, opponents of moves to extend Frankfurt International Airport have won a delay in building work on a new runway.

The interior minister of the state of Hesse, Ekkehard Gries, told ecologist groups Saturday night he would press for the controversial extension work to be suspended until a court had ruled on their demand for a referendum.

The state government has said it is not prepared to hold such a poll and the issue is likely to go to an appeal court after the protesters hand in a petition next Saturday aimed at forcing the issue.

Gries made his concession after a demonstration by at least 15,000 ecologists.

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Bulletproof

private individuals will secretly take their vehicles to specialist coach builders and pay out a small fortune for fittings that will block a pistol bullet, if not a bazooka shell.

"In the early years we only worked for prominent people. Now we're asked to bulletproof everything, from a Volkswagen Golf to a mini-Minor," said Franco Fontana, whose northern firm is one of the leaders in the field.

More than any other single event in Italy's recent violent history, it was the abduction and subsequent killing of former Prime Minister Aldo Moro in 1978 by the Brigades

that led to the boom in sales.

Moro was driving through Rome in a normal limousine when the Brigades commando opened fire from the pavement. His five guards were shot dead before extracting their weapons. In a bulletproof car they might have survived.

"We find demand trends to peak after major guerrilla operations. It certainly did after Moro," commented the Alfa-Romco engineer in charge of the bulletproof division, one of the state-backed company's few profitable sectors.

Bonn

illegal immigrant labor, reckoned to account for at least 100,000 jobs, and to combat the widespread practice of "moonlighting" by German workers, they said.

But the measures would take time to show any effect and Bonn was still placing most of its hopes for economic revival on a worldwide cut in the present high interest rates.

The chancellor told parliament last month that the whole Western world, not just this country, faced a severe economic crisis in which real incomes here would sink.

Next year, he said, West Germans could only afford their 1978 level of prosperity.

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